



The Cost of the School Day

Information Booklet



As a school we are committed to reducing the cost of the school day. A lot of work has also been done by staff, pupils, and our parent council to promote sustainability and encourage recycling across the school, including buying second hand. Hopefully this Information Booklet will give you an idea of the support available to families at Hillhead High School.



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Uniform and Clothing

Free New & Recycled Uniform and Clothing Store

Our uniform has also been created to be as inexpensive as possible for all families. The school also has a store of uniform and casual clothing which is accessible free of charge. This is part of our initiative to become more sustainable, and we have good quality second hand uniform stock available, as well as other clothing including jackets, shoes, school bags etc. We also have a wide range of brand new clothing. This is all free of charge and can be accessed without question.

Please speak with your child's Pastoral Care teacher to learn more about how to access this support.





Resources Support

We have stationery, study materials, school bags, textbooks and study guides available for pupils who may benefit from these resources. All pupils are issued with an iPad to use during their time at Hillhead High and every year our new S1 pupils are also given a pack of resources which includes: a scientific calculator, pens, pencils, eraser, pencil sharpener and a ruler.



WiFi Support

We can provide pupils with WiFi dongles for pupils who either have no current WiFi access at home or have a temporary issue with WiFi.

Hardship Fund

We are also able to support families who are struggling financially due to generous donations from parents and funds raised through our Parent Council.

Please speak to Pastoral Care if your child would benefit from any of the above support.





FISO (Financial Inclusion Support Officer)



Nicola McCaskill is the FISO at Hillhead High. You can get in touch with Nicola directly either by phone or email.

Tel: 0141 648 2022 email: schools@money mattersweb.co.uk

Nicola can offer advice on the following:

- Benefits Advice, including Universal Credit, Disability Benefits, Council Tax Reduction
- Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
- Free School Meals and Clothing Grant
- Bank Accounts
- Free Bus Travel
- Child Disability Benefit
- Young Carers Grant

Financial Inclusion Support Officer

If you are on a low income and have children at school you may be entitled to financial support.
For FREE ADVICE and additional information regarding your financial situation
it may be worth speaking to the Financial Inclusion Support Officer.

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FISO

Financial Inclusion Support Officer

Progress update April - April 2022
Hillhead High School

Activities

- FISO service introduced
- "Support for Families" Booklet posted to every family
- Text / twitter promotion of service



Outcomes

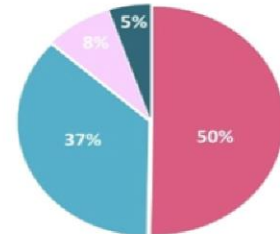
- **64** Clients
- **52** Clients with Financial Gains
- **£96,953.00** Total Financial Gains
- **10** Clients assisted with Debt
- **£56,375.85** In debt managed



Financial Gains Breakdown:

- **Educational Benefits = £48,731.90**
- **Welfare Benefits = £35,300.64**
- **Disability Benefits = £7,982.46**
- **Other = £4,938.00**

- Educational Benefits
- Welfare Benefits
- Disability Benefits
- Other



Our FISO has helped a number of Hillhead High families to claim a range of benefits and/or support with debt management.



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Free School Meals and Clothing Grant



Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals. Please see the below link for more information and how to apply.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17885>

Clothing Grant

Families on low incomes may be eligible to receive a School Clothing Grant award of £120 for a primary school aged child or £150 for a secondary school aged child. The award is given annually to assist with the cost of purchasing essential school clothing for families who are on a qualifying benefit.

Please see the following link for more information and full details on how to apply

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/17885/Clothing-Grants-and-Free-School-Meals>

Help with school meals during school holidays 2022/23

If you get free school meals you may also be able to get help during the school holidays. Please click on the link below for more information:

<https://www.mygov.scot/school-meals>

If you have any questions or need any support, please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher.





Under 22 Free Travel Scheme

Young people in Scotland aged under 22 years old are entitled to free bus travel.

- To access the scheme you must apply for a new National Entitlement Card (NEC) card.
- Those aged between 5-15 must have a parent, guardian, or carer apply for a new NEC card on their behalf. Those aged between 16-21 should apply themselves.
- It's important that you apply for your new NEC Card in order to access the travel scheme, as old Young Scot Cards will not be accepted, and you will be required to pay your fare as normal.



Apply here: <https://getyournec.scot/nec/>

Duke of Edinburgh Support

At Hillhead High we are extremely proud to offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award completely free of charge at all levels. We also have a large supply of equipment that is free for pupils to access. This means that the DofE Award at Hillhead High school is truly inclusive and open to all.





Period Equity

Like all Glasgow schools, we always ensure there are free period products for pupils to access easily during term time and for over the school holiday period. We also work closely with our local primary schools to ensure they have access to free period products for all pupils too. We promote this regularly in school in order to make sure there is no stigma attached to accessing these products free of charge.



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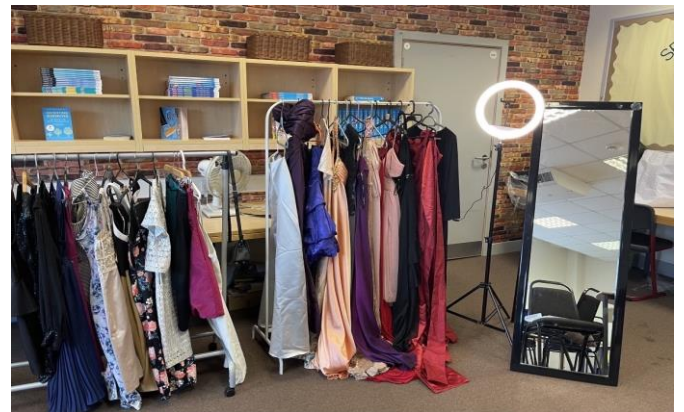


Say “Yes” to the Hillhead Dress



Prom can be an expensive event for families. We have ensured the cost of prom ticket has been kept low and decided it was very important to keep the cost of prom outfits low too. In May 2022, Miss King and our S6 Prom Committee set up a Prom Boutique for S6 pupils to come along and experience the fun of trying on prom items with their friends - without the cost! As a result of generous donations from our school community we had a range of prom clothing and accessories that could be borrowed free of charge. If any items were donated and not borrowed this year, they will be kept for future years.

We will be looking for donations again in Spring 2023, so please keep your prom outfits and if you have anything you would like to donate, we will send information out nearer the time. We will take donations of outfits, shoes, bags, jewellery and hairpieces.





Contact Information

If there is anything at all we can do to support with the cost of the school day, please don't hesitate to get it touch with your child's Pastoral Care Teacher, either by phoning the school on 0141 582 0100 or by email.

Pastoral Care Responsibilities Session 2022-23								
Ms K Campbell	1A	2A	2B	3A	4E	5E	6E	
Mr J Greechan	1D	2F	3D	4C	5C	5D	6C	6D
Mr B. Griffin	1F	2C	3B	3C	4B	5F	6F	
Ms L Robinson	1B	1E	2D	4A	4D	5B	6B	
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