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Head Teacher
K McAlaney

26/09/22

Dear Parent / Carer,

The purpose of this newsletter is to give a brief update on just a few of the things that have been happening during the first month back at school as well as some information on some upcoming events and how we communicate with you. In the first week of term you should have received a newsletter from your child's Depute Head Teacher with all key dates for the year for each year group. These letters were sent out electronically via our free school app, Groupcall Xpressions, which is our main way of communicating with you so please make sure you have signed up - you can find out more on our website here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/parent-zone/communication-with-parents/how-we-communicate-with-you/>

If you have not downloaded the app then we also send out all important information via email. Please contact the school office if you are not receiving regular updates and/or have any queries about our school app. Copies of the letters were also added to our school website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/>

Many of you also follow us on our school Twitter account **@HillheadHS** and here you will see examples of what is going on across our school on a daily basis. We know though that people lead busy lives and so any important information shared on Twitter will always be shared with parents and carers via our school app and email. As always, at the end of this bulletin you will find contact information for our Pupil Support Team and our Senior Leadership Team and if you have **any** concerns about your child's wellbeing or their learning, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

S1 Pupils

Our new S1 pupils have settled in well and have had the opportunity to harvest the potatoes they planted during their P7 visits in May as part of the Dandelion Festival. Two weeks ago, S1 pupils came together for a special assembly where they had a demonstration on how to cook their own potato and leek soup and received a bag with all the necessary ingredients, including their own school grown potatoes. Pupils also got to sample some soup made by our wonderful Fuel Zone staff. A fantastic experience for all pupils and an example of our continuing commitment to learning for sustainability.

S1 pupils are also being issued with their iPads with many receiving them last week. Please remind your child to charge their iPad and bring to school



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each day. You can find a range of videos to support with use of the iPad on our school YouTube channel. [Hillhead High School - YouTube](#)

Pakistan Flood Appeal



Many thanks to our S6 Leadership Team who organised this appeal and to all staff, pupils and families who donated money or food to this appeal. Pupils gave up their time and intervals and lunchtimes for a week to collect donations and raised £788.03.

School Uniform

It has been great to see such a high standard of school uniform this term. Our uniform was agreed in consultation with parents, pupils and staff and it has been designed to be as inexpensive and practical as possible. School trousers / skirts and school shirts can be purchased from many shops on the high street or in supermarkets. School ties can be purchased via ParentPay and cost £8.00 and please don't hesitate to contact our school office if you are unsure how to access ParentPay. You can find out more information on our website here:

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

Our School Uniform	Not School Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White school shirt • Black school skirt or school trousers • Red tie (S1-S3) or blue tie (S4-S6) • Preferably black footwear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeans • Leggings • tracksuit bottoms • jogging bottoms

Please do support the school with uniform. Not only does it promote a strong sense of community in the school, but it also supports equity and prevents any peer pressure to wear expensive items. **All** pupils should be in full school uniform each day - if they have PE they will have the opportunity to get changed at the start and end of the lesson.

Cost of the School Day

As a school community we are committed to reducing the costs of attending school and supporting families to access a range of financial supports. Attached along with this newsletter is a copy of our Cost of the School Day booklet that was shared earlier this month which outlines all of the ways we support pupils and families. We will continue to update this booklet throughout the year and have a section of our website dedicated to it too:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/school-information/cost-of-the-school-day/>



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School Clubs & Wellbeing Activities

It is great to be able to offer so many clubs and wellbeing activities to pupils before school, at lunchtimes or after school. A full list of the activities on offer was sent out via our school app or email a couple of weeks ago as well as added to our website. The list was also shared with pupils during Friday 5, via year group Teams pages and through daily tannoy reminders over the last fortnight. Activities on a Friday afternoon will also be starting back soon and Mrs Campbell-Marzella will be sharing more information over the next few weeks.

S4 & S5 Information Evenings

Thanks to all parents and carers who attended the online information evenings that have already taken place this term for pupils in the senior phase. Mr Neil also added narrated copies of the presentations to our school YouTube channel and the links to both were sent out via our school app/email. Please see the letters sent out by Mr Neil and Mr Richardson at the start of term for dates of monthly online drop-in sessions too.



Parent Council / Parent Forum Meeting

A reminder that the first meeting of the Parent Council & Parent Forum takes place tomorrow in person in the school's Chinese Hub starting at 6.30pm and finishing by 8.00pm at the latest. The meeting is open to all parents and carers and you can find minutes of all previous meetings on our school website here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/parent-zone/parent-council/>

Future Pathways Evening

Mr McFarlane is arranging an online Information Evening on Future Pathways after school for **Tuesday 4th October from 6.30pm-7.45pm**. This has been a very popular session over the past few years and will be open to all parents and carers but will be most relevant to those with a child in the senior phase. Mr McFarlane is currently finalising arrangements and will send out information this week including joining instructions via your child's iPad for this online session.

School Photos

School photographs will be taken for S1, S2, S4 and S6 pupils on Tuesday 4th October. Mrs Campbell-Marzella will send out more information later this week.





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Save the Date: Winter Fayre



We are delighted to announce that after a two year break due to covid, our **Winter Fayre** will take place this year on **Saturday 10th December from 10.00am-12.30pm**. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks, and we hope to see as many families as attended our very successful Summer Fayre in May.

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.

For this school year the Depute Head Teachers for each year group are:

- S1 & S2 pupils:** Mrs Campbell-Marzella gw10campbellharriet@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
- S3 pupils –** Mr Brown gw17brownstuart@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
- S4& S5 pupils –** Mr Neil gw10neilsteven@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
- S6 pupils –** Mr Richardson gw12richardsonjack@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
- Raising Attainment –** Mr Carson gw11carsonthomas3@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Pupil Support Team

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	
Ms N Higgins	1C	2E	3E	3F	4F	5A	6A	

- Ms Robinson –** LRobinson@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk
- Mr Greechan –** JGreechan@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk
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Yours sincerely,

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