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Re: 2022/23 Senior Phase Universal Supports

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to you to outline the range of supports that are available to Senior Phase pupils throughout 2022/23. Although nothing is as effective or important as being in positive habits of attending class every day, the staff of Hillhead High School give up additional time to ensure that your child is fully supported as they prepare for success in Senior Phase examinations. Furthermore, there has been an investment in high quality, free-to-access online resources over the last few years that I want to draw your attention to.

Further information and more specific advice on study skills will be shared at an in-school information evening for parents and carers of S5 and S6 pupils on **Wednesday the 2nd of November** from 6pm. An event for parents/carers of S4 pupils will be arranged for after the Christmas holidays. More details for both events will be made available soon.

Online supports

eSgoil is Scotland's online learning platform and offers live revision sessions with a qualified teacher. These sessions have proven to be popular with previous cohorts as they tend to start later in the evening, allowing pupils to attend an in-school supported study in one subject before studying for another at home if they wish.

Details of upcoming sessions can be found here: <https://e-sgoil.com/study-support/>

Recorded sessions in various subjects are available through West Partnership Online School (**West OS**). Feedback from last year's cohort told us that these are beneficial as they can be viewed at any time and can be paused, rewind and/or repeatedly watched until the concept is understood.

These resources can be found here: <https://www.westpartnership.co.uk/west-os/senior-phase-resources/>

Our Principal Teacher of Digital Learning, Miss Whyte, also offers a **Digital Study Skills** session every Monday at lunchtime in T08. Pupil can learn how to effectively use WestOS and eSgoil as well as other quality resources. Tips and tricks on how to study using iPads and other digital technology will be shared at these sessions too.

In-school supports

Our staff offer a comprehensive **in-school supported study** programme covering every subject area. After school sessions take place on a Monday and Tuesday from 4pm to 5pm and from Wednesday to Friday at 3pm to 4pm. As well as subject-specific support, the library is open for pupils for general revision with the support of a teacher. This option is available every day from 7.45am to 8.45am and for an hour after school.

The full schedule can be found here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/public/hillheadhigh/uploads/sites/7656/2022/10/03194003/2022-3-Supported-Study-October-to-December.pdf>

To support pupils in studying as effectively as possible, Miss Rothery runs a **Study Skills** workshop every Tuesday at lunchtime. This is an opportunity for pupils to get advice on study tips, time management, and dealing with stress. Miss Rothery will be sharing some examples of how parents and carers can support with this at the information evening on the 2nd of November.

For a flavour of the type of thing that Miss Rothery will be sharing, see her Study Skills blog here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/curriculum/s5-exam-preparation/>

Pupils are encouraged to look after their wellbeing as well as focussing on their studies and there is a range of **activities** available covering everything from *Wellbeing Wednesday* to gymnastics.

The full offering can be seen here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/public/hillheadhigh/uploads/sites/7656/2022/09/11095020/FINAL-Hillhead-High-School-Weekly-Wellbeing-Activities-2.pdf>

The school's **Coaching** programme underpins all this support. Coaching is available to all S4 and S5 pupils and ties together all our academic and pastoral support. Pupils will meet with a designated teacher a few times each term to discuss how things are going overall. This is in terms of their subjects, and more generally. The discussion is often based around tracking reports although teachers are flexible allow young people to talk to them at other times, should they want to check-in.

Our coaching programme has been a successful level of support for pupil over the last few years and the kindness of teachers means that every S4 and S5 pupil will have a coach for the 2022/23 session. This additional layer of support will re-commence after the October Break and more details will be available soon.

Opportunities for Feedback

Evidence Gathering windows take place throughout the Senior Phase. These are opportunities to showcase their learning at examination standard and obtain feedback on where they are in their journey towards their qualifications.

Tracking reports offer a concise update on pupil progress. As well as information on academic progress, these also offer feedback on behaviour, effort, and homework. These are designed to prompt conversations with your child about how things are going. S4 and S5 coaching conversations are also planned to coincide with the issuing of these tracking reports to ensure that pupils will have the opportunity to discuss this with a teacher.

Tracking reports will be issued to all **S4 pupils** at the following points throughout the school year:

- Tracking Report 1: Wednesday 21st September 2022
- Tracking Report 2: Friday 17th February 2023
- Tracking Report 3: Wednesday 24th May 2023

Tracking reports will be issued to all **S5 pupils** at the following points throughout the school year:

- Tracking Report 1: Wednesday 28th September 2022
- Tracking Report 2: Wednesday 2nd November 2022
- Tracking Report 3: Wednesday 13th January 2023
- Tracking Report 4: Friday 3rd March 2023

Tracking reports will be issued to all **S6 pupils** at the following points throughout the school year:

- Tracking Report 1: Wednesday 28th September 2022
- Tracking Report 2: Wednesday 2nd November 2022
- Tracking Report 3: Wednesday 13th January 2023
- Tracking Report 4: Friday 3rd March 2023

As ever, **Parents' Evenings** offer the opportunity to obtain the deepest level of feedback from classroom teachers. This year, these will be back to being in-person following feedback from parents/carers.

- Parents' Evening for S4 will take place on Tuesday 28th February 2023
- Parents' Evening for S5 will take place on Tuesday 17th January 2023
- Parents' Evening for S6 will take place on Tuesday 11th October 2022

For **subject-specific advice** at other times, our Curricular Leaders can be contacted via email:

- English: Miss Southern gw20southernsusan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
- Expressive Arts: Mr Reid gw10reidross@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
- Humanities: Mr Elder gw10elderdouglas3@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
- Mathematics: Mr Scanlan gw15scanlanmarkdanie@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
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- P.E. and Health & Wellbeing: Mr Gemmill gw14gemmilljohn3@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
- Science: Miss Ayton gw11aytonalyson@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
- Technologies: Mr Tait gw16taitdavid1@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

DHT Drop-ins

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.

S4 online DHT drop-in (6pm to 7pm)

- 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

S5 online DHT drop-in (7pm to 8pm)

- 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

S6 online DHT drop-ins (7pm to 8pm)

- Thursday 15th September
- Thursday 27th October
- Thursday 24th November
- Thursday 15th December
- Thursday 26th January
- Thursday 23rd February
- Thursday 23rd March

I look forward to working with you and your child this year in ensuring that they are fully supported in reaching their potential at this crucial time.

Mr Tom Carson

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