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14/11/22

Dear Parent / Carer,

The purpose of this newsletter is to give a brief update on a few matters. As always, there is so much happening in our school and if you follow the school on Twitter @HillheadHS you will get a flavour of what is going on across our school on a daily basis. Our main way of communicating with you is via our free school app or by email and you should regularly be receiving information this way. You can find out more on our school website: <a href="https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/parent-zone/communication-with-parents/how-we-communicate-with-you/">https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/parent-zone/communication-with-parents/how-we-communicate-with-you/</a>

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 Young Scot National Entitlement Card (NEC)

S1 pupils will have their photographs taken on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November for their Young Scot card. The card allows them to access free bus travel as well as access a range of other awards and discounts. You can find out more on the website here: https://young.scot/the-young-scot-card

If you have any queries, please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher or Mrs Campbell-Marzella.



#### Scottish Child Payment

Scottish Child Payment applications are now open for children aged under 16. If already getting Scottish Child Payment this will increase from £20 to £25 from today. New applications will need to be made for any children who do not already receive this, even if younger siblings do. If you are not currently getting this benefit, you can apply for a payment of £100 every 4 weeks if you:

• get Universal Credit, tax credits or other qualifying benefits

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• have a child or children aged under 16

You can apply using the link below:

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https://www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment/how-to-apply











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As you may be aware the school has a Financial Inclusion Support Officer (FISO), Nicola McCaskill, who is there to support parents and carers with a range of financial matters. The service is confidential and Nicola has already helped many of our families. If you have any questions about financial supports or require some help applying for the Scottish Child Payment then please do contact Nicola who will be more than happy to help.

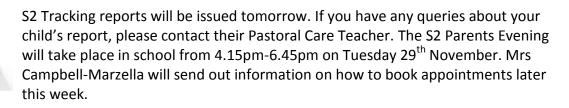
Phone number: 0141 648 2022 Email: schools@moneymattersweb.co.uk

## Anti-Bullying Week



Today marks the start of Anti-Bullying week. Last week, our S6 Leadership Team delivered fantastic PSE lessons to S1 pupils in preparation for the week, and S1 pupils really enjoyed learning from their older peers! S6 pupils are also leading the Odd Socks Day to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying week and you will find examples on our school Twitter account @HillheadHS. S6 pupils will be in the foyer at break times displaying some of the colourful art work the pupils have been preparing for this week also and would like to invite pupils and staff to come along and write a message of kindness and/ or thanks to a friend/classmate/colleague. Pupils will also be learning about the impact of bullying on young people during their lessons this week.

# S2 Tracking Reports & Parents Evening



# Supports and Study Skills Evening

Thanks to all families of S5 & S6 pupils who came along to this evening earlier this month. A copy of the presentation was shared with pupils via Teams pages and also sent out to parents and carers via our school app and email. You can also find it on our website here: <a href="https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/public/hillheadhigh/uploads/sites/7656/2022/11/03094840/Supports-and-Study-Skills-Evening.pdf">https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/public/hillheadhigh/uploads/sites/7656/2022/11/03094840/Supports-and-Study-Skills-Evening.pdf</a>

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If you have any questions about study support, please contact Mr Carson.

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#### S4 & S5 Monthly Family Drop-in Sessions

A reminder that the online family drop-in sessions will be taking place this Wednesday (16th November) via Teams. Parents & carers of S4 and S5 pupils will have the option to drop in for a 10min chat if they have any questions. S4 drop-in will take place from 6pm-7pm, with the S5 drop-in taking place from 7pm-8pm. Any queries, please contact Mr Neil.

# <u>S6 Update</u>

On Friday 11th of November, Mr Richardson held an assembly for S6 pupils with information on applying to college, university, the SQA Leadership Award and more. The slides from this presentation can also be found on our school website: https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/2022/11/14/s6-assembly/

## Parent Pay

School ties can be purchased via ParentPay and cost £8.00. You can also use ParentPay to add money to your child's Fuel Zone card to buy lunches or snacks at interval time. Pupils can spend a maximum of £4.10 per day. You can find out more on our website or phone our school office <u>https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/shop/</u>

Hillhead High School PARENT COUNCIL Parent Council / Parent Forum Online Meeting

Our next main Parent Council/Parent Forum meeting takes place on Monday 21st November from 7 pm to 8.30 pm on Zoom. Joining instructions have been sent out via our school app and email this morning. The meeting is open to all parents and carers and you can find minutes of all previous meetings on our school website here: <u>https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/parent-zone/parent-council/</u>

# **Clothing Donations**

As you may be aware the school maintains a stock of new and second hand uniform that can be issued to families in need. We also have a stock of coats, jackets, shoes etc., however, stocks are running low. If you have any winter coats, jackets, boots, hats or scarves etc. that you no longer use please consider handing these into the school. A summary of the supports provided by the school can also be found in our Cost of the School Day Booklet on our website:

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https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/public/hillheadhigh/uploads/sites/7656/2022/09/1215 5324/COTSD-Information-Booklet-Sept-2022.pdf

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#### **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

Pastoral Care Responsibilities Session 2022-23								
Ms K Campbell	1A	2A	2B	ЗA	4E	5E	6E	
<u>Mr</u> J Greechan	1D	2F	3D	4C	5C	5D	6C	6D
Mr B. Griffin	1F	2C	ЗB	3C	4B	5F	6F	
Ms L Robinson	1B	1E	2D	4A	4D	5B	6B	
Ms N Higgins	1C	2E	ЗE	ЗF	4F	5A	6A	

## Pupil Support Team

Ms Robinson – <u>LRobinson@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk</u> Mr Greechan – JGreechan@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk

Mr Griffin – BGriffin@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk

**Ms Campbell** – <u>KCampbell@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk</u>

\*Ms Higgins - <u>NHiggins@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk</u>

\*Miss Higgins is currently off ill and her classes are being covered by Mrs McLennan <u>gw18mclennankarenemm@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk</u>

<u>Support for Learning, EAL and Nurture:</u> Miss McGuire - gw17mcguiresiobhan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk



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Wider Achievement, College, Work Experience, Foundation Apprenticeships & Careers: Mr McFarlane gw16mcfarlanekyle@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

**Child Protection Officer** - Mr Richardson <u>gw12richardsonjack@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk</u>

Yours sincerely,

Karen McAlaney



