# Hillhead High School



# Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing



# Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

Mental Health and Wellbeing is incorporated into the PSHE curriculum across S1-S6. Topics taught include mental health awareness, body image, emotional wellbeing, sleep hygiene, health and nutrition, social media, self-harm, stress management and resilience. Moreover, pupils in S5 have the opportunity to study the SQA Level 5 Mental Health and Wellbeing Award.

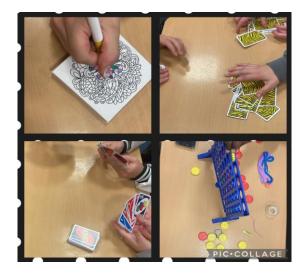


# **Pastoral Care and Support for Learning**

If you have any concerns about your child's mental health, please speak with your child's Pastoral Care teacher. The school offers a wide range of supports when a young person may be struggling with their mental health. These range from regular check-ins with a teacher, to wellbeing and sleep hygiene groups run in conjunction with Support for Learning.

# Wellbeing Wednesdays

Wellbeing Wednesday gives students the opportunity to take to focus on their Wellbeing. There are many different activities on offer from board games to jewellery making to simply having some time to chat with friends.



We have an offering for our BGE pupils and one for our Senior Pupils every Wednesday lunch time.

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Wednesdays	Wellbeing Wednesdays
Need some time to relax? Some time for you?	Need some time to relax? Some time for you?
Come join Miss Williams in the Drama room Wednesday Lunchtimes starting <u>14th September</u>	Come join Mrs McLennan, Miss Whyte & Mrs Milligan TO8 Wednesday Lunchtimes. Starting <u>14th September</u>
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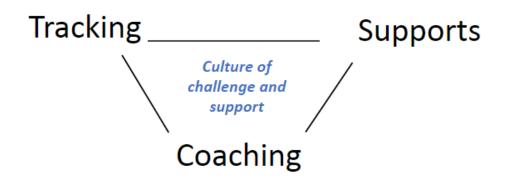


# Wellbeing Activity Calendar

# Coaching (S4 and S5)

Coaching provides an additional, sustainable layer of support focused on tracking reports. This is a general Wellbeing check-in as well as a goal-setting conversation after tracking reports are issued.

This support is designed to be a balance of pastoral/nurture with academic/study support throughout Senior Phase qualifications.



Consistent relationships are developed over two-year courses. This support provides another point of contact with a teacher who gets to know pupils closely.

Feedback from previous years show from staff and pupils showing a desire to promote positive mental health. This has been factored into the planned approach.

# Action for Children Counselling Service

Hillhead High School has trained counsellors provided by the organisation Action for Children.

Action for Children protect and support children and young



people, provide practical and emotional care and support, ensure children's' voices are heard, and campaign to bring lasting improvements to their lives.

A referral to the counselling service can be made via the school Pastoral Care Team. Please speak to your child's pastoral care teacher for more information.

# Kooth Online Counselling & Mental Health Service (available to 10-16 years old)

Kooth is available through smart phone, tablet or computer and features activities, self-help articles, discussion boards and a team of accredited counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners who provide guided and outcomefocused support for each individual.



Kooth has no referrals, thresholds or waiting lists. Young people can access this service anonymously by signing onto the Kooth site. Kooth provides unique out of office hours' provision and is open 7 days per week, 365 days a year.

# **Togetherall (available to students to 16+)**



# LGBT Youth Scotland Digital Support

Do you ever feel like you would like a bit more support but aren't sure where to turn? Talking about what is going on can make a difference.

We have lots of ways that you can get in touch online and get support from youth workers. Wherever you are in Scotland, whatever your worry or concern, we are here to listen.

The Live Chat feature of our website is a easy way to chat with trained youth workers in real-time about whatever is on your mind. It's text-based: you don't need to speak over

voice or video and can remain anonymous.

From questioning your sexual identity, coming out and relationship issues to bullying and sexual health – this is a private place designed for you to chat, confidentially, with a digital youth worker.







# **Health and Wellbeing Online Resources**

# For Children & Young People

## Cove

#### http://www.cove-app.com/

This app helps people to capture their mood and express it by making music. Note: you do not need to know how to play an instrument to use this app.

## Childline

### www.childline.org.uk

Mental health charity for children and young people that has a wide variety of helpful videos, games and articles. They have a free telephone helpline (0800 1111) and message boards where young people are encouraged to share experiences and support each other in a positive way.

## **Chill Panda**

#### chillpanda.co.uk/

This free app is for children and adults who want to learn how to manage stress and worry, and feel better.

## **Clear Fear**

#### www.clearfear.co.uk/

This free app aims to help children and teenagers manage anxiety. The app helps to reduce physical responses to threat and change thoughts and behaviours through distraction and helpful activities.

# **Coping Skills for Kids**

#### www.copingskillsforkids.com

Website that provides free resources for teaching children about healthy ways to cope with <u>stress</u>, <u>anxiety</u> and <u>anger</u>.

## **HospiChill**

#### www.hospichill.net

An app designed to help young people prepare for hospital and clinic appointments. The app provides helpful relaxation and visualisation exercises.

# Kooth

#### www.kooth.com

Free mental health support from online counsellors. A free sign up service with discussion boards, helpful tips, articles written by young people, and the option to write mood journals and set positive goals.

# **Stop Breathe & Think KIDS**

#### www.stopbreathethink.com/kids/

Guided Meditation and Mindfulness app for children aged 5-10.

# **For Young People**

# Ayemind

#### www.ayemind.com

Website aimed at improving the mental wellbeing of young people. Includes resources for young people and professionals. Ayemind also signposts to lots of other useful websites.

## Calm

#### www.calm.com/

A mindfulness app that includes various relaxing sounds to listen to, visualisations to help relaxations, "sleep stories", and guided meditations.

# **Calm Harm**

#### www.calmharm.co.uk

An app to help teenagers manage or resist the urge to self-harm by providing a wide range of distraction techniques.

## **Papyrus**

#### www.papyrus-uk.org

Mental health charity dedicated to preventing young suicide by providing support and resources for young people and their families. The "Hopeline" (Call: 0800 068 4141 / Text: 07860 039 967 / E-mail <u>pat@papyrus-uk.org</u>) is for children and young people experiencing thoughts of suicide, or for anyone concerned for a young person.

# SafeSpot

#### www.safespot.org.uk

An app designed in Glasgow to help young people improve their coping skills and promote positive mental health and wellbeing.

## **Smiling Mind**

#### www.smilingmind.com.au/

A free app for encouraging mindfulness, meditation and positive wellbeing.

# **Young Minds**

#### www.youngminds.org.uk

Young Minds provides a range of mental health help and advice for young people. This charity also encourages young people to get involved in raising awareness about children and young people's mental health.

# **Young Scot**

#### young.scot/campaigns/national/coronavirus

If your young person is feeling a bit overwhelmed or scared right now, this site has information for young people about what's happening and the simple steps everyone can take to help keep healthy.





# For All the Family

# **NHS Every Mind Matters**

www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters Advice about general mental health and <u>mental wellbeing while</u> <u>staying at home</u>. Also <u>Your Mind Plan, an interactive quiz</u> designed to help you feel more in control of your emotional and mental wellbeing.

# **Child Bereavement UK**

#### www.childbereavementuk.org/

A site with resources for children and young people who are grieving, as well as providing information and advice to families / professionals on how to best support someone who is bereaved. A helpline is also available on 0800 028 840.

#### **Combined Minds**

#### combinedminds.co.uk/

This app provides parents, families and friends with practical advice on how to support children and young people with their mental health.

## **Headspace**

#### https://www.headspace.com/

A mindfulness app that has more of a "podcast feel" to it with various talks, guided meditations and helpful videos available.

# Living Life to the full

#### www.llttf.com

Free online courses covering low mood, stress and resilience. (More adult orientated)

## **MindShift CBT**

https://www.anxietycanada.com/resources/mindshift-cbt/ A free app designed to help adults and teens cope with anxiety. Also provides strategies for adults to help their children with anxiety.

#### **Samaritans**

### www.samaritans.org

A charity that offers mental health support and information online for everyone. Their helpline is free and available to all ages. Call 116 123 or e-mail jo@samaritans.org 24/7.

## **Stress and Anxiety companion**

www.nhs.uk/apps-library/stress-anxiety-companion/ A free app to help handle stress and anxiety. The app includes breathing exercises, relaxing music and games.

# **Mental Health telephone supports**

**Breathing Space:** Free and confidential telephone counselling service. (0800 838 587)

NHS living Life: Free phone service for those aged 16+ experiencing anxiety, low mood and mild to moderate depression. Guided self-help and cognitive behavioural therapy. (0800 328 9655)

Young Minds Parents Help Line: Offers guidance and support to parents concerned about their child's mental health. (0808 802 5544)