



Hillhead High School
Oakfield Avenue
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Head Teacher
K McAlaney

21/12/22

Dear Parent / Carer,

School closes at 2.30pm tomorrow (Thursday 22nd December) for the holidays and re-opens on Wednesday 4th January. We will come together for our whole school assembly at Wellington Church during period 2 and the values focus will be kindness. Pupils will then return to school for a slightly extended interval and then follow their timetable as normal.

The end of term has been as busy as always with our P7 information Evening, the second Mental Health & Wellbeing Workshop, our S3 Subjects Fayre and yesterday's trips to the pantomime and to the cinema. Many thanks to all who were able to come along to our wonderful Winter Fayre on Sat 10th December and particular thanks to our amazing Parent Council for their support. Overall, the event raised just over £1000 for our school funds which will be put towards the purchase of a minibus. Thanks also to all who came along to our Winter Concert and/or our Art Exhibition – we have really missed these events over the past few years and being able to showcase the talent and hard work of our pupils meant a great deal. You can see photographs of all events on our school Twitter account @HillheadHS.

This week our S6 held our first ever Hillhead Bake Off and a film of the event is being edited and will be added to our school website. Well done to all involved and also to our panel of judges who had the tough job of tasting lots of delicious cakes! On the subject of cakes, a huge thank you to our fabulous Parent Council who arranged a real treat for all staff today by bringing along a feast of home baking. Thank you so much to all parents and carers who took part. We know how busy you all are and it meant a great deal to us all.

Below you will find some information on UCAS deadlines, the work of our charities committee as well as information on supports available to pupils and families over the break and beyond.

UCAS Deadlines

UCAS deadlines are fast approaching for many pupils who will be leaving school at the end of this year. A reminder that all information on processes and timelines was issued in October and can also be found on our website here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/public/hillheadhigh/uploads/sites/7656/2022/10/31095549/S6-Parental-Update-October-22-1.pdf>

Any queries, please get in touch with your child's Pastoral Care Teacher or Mr Richardson.



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S6 Charities Committee

Our S6 Charities Committee have been working very hard over the past few months to raise money for various causes. They have raised money for school funds at our Winter Fayre and also by selling and delivering candy canes over the past two weeks. This money will be put towards the purchase of a new school mini-bus. Pupils have also been fundraising for charities outwith school and £471.30 was collected for Children in Need in November. Last week's Christmas Jumper Day raised £319.35 for Beatson Cancer Unit. Members of the S6 Leadership Team also led assemblies earlier this month on the work of Glasgow charity Refuweege and then collected donations of items over the past few weeks. Many thanks to all pupils and families for your donations and support of our charity appeals.



Financial Support

We know that many families across the country are struggling with the cost of living and want to do what we can to support. Please do get in touch with our school's Financial Inclusion Officer or your child's Pastoral Care Teacher if there is any way we can support. You can find more information in our Cost of the School Day booklet which is also on our website.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/public/hillheadhigh/uploads/sites/7656/2022/09/12155324/COTSD-Information-Booklet-Sept-2022.pdf>

Thanks to all parents, carers and staff who donated warm winter clothing to the school. As you may have seen at the Winter Fayre we have a range of warm jackets and coats, jumpers and scarves as well as many items of school uniform that are available free of charge – pupils or parents/carers should just get in touch with Pastoral Care or speak to a member of staff at the school gate in the mornings.

Supports During the Festive Break

There are a number of supports available across Glasgow this festive period, including:

- Warm places
- Food provision
- Clothing
- Helplines & Advice



Glasgow Festive Services Directory lists all the different supports available across the city and



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you can find out more here: <https://www.gcvs.org.uk/blog/festive-directory/>

You can also find out more on the GCC website here:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/glasgowhelps>

Mental Health Support

We know that Christmas can be a difficult time for some. A reminder that we have a range of supports available on our school website including this booklet:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/public/hillheadhigh/uploads/sites/7656/2022/11/22160824/Mental-Health-and-Wellbeing-Information-Booklet.pdf>

Planned Industrial Action- January 2023

As shared yesterday, planned industrial action by the teaching unions means that our school is likely to be closed to pupils on Wed 11th January and Monday 16th January. Any updates will be communicated via our usual channels.

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



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

Ms Robinson – LRobinson@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk

Mr Greechan – JGreechan@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk

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

Ms Campbell – KCampbell@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk

***Ms Higgins** - NHiggins@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk

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

Support for Learning, EAL and Nurture: Miss McGuire -
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Child Protection Officer - Mr Richardson gw12richardsonjack@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Thank you for your support this year. I wish you and your family a peaceful and happy festive period.

Yours sincerely,

Karen McAlaney



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