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SQA Examination Supports

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you to remind you of the range of supports that are available to all S5 and S6 pupils as we undertake the final push towards SQA examinations. The staff of Hillhead High School give up a huge amount of time to ensure that your child is fully prepared 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 to draw your attention to.

The full examination timetable can be found here: https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/nq-2023-exam-timetable.pdf. Mr Neil (DHT S5) and Mr Richardson (DHT S6 and SQA Co-ordinator) have recently led assemblies sharing this timetable with pupils as well as sharing essential SQA examination procedures that must be adhered to throughout the exam period.

Habits of Attending Class

As ever, attendance in class is essential in the last few weeks before exam leave. There is nothing more influential on grades than positive habits of attending class on time each day. As well as completing any outstanding internally assessed qualifications, teachers will spend this remaining time focussing on exam specific technique in order to boost grades and confidence.

The last day of timetabled classes before study leave begins will be Friday 21st April.

Supported Study

In-person

Our comprehensive timetable of subject-specific study support is available here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/public/hillheadhigh/uploads/sites/7656/2023/01/30091237/20>

[22-3-Supported-Study-January-to-March-Update-1.pdf](#). Sessions typically take place for an hour after school and offer a chance for pupils to seek feedback on their revision. Furthermore, the library is available for an hour before an after school for a quiet, supervised place for studying.

Online

WestOS offers a range of supports for pupils of all ages. As well as subject-specific support, learners can find podcasts, advice on how to study, using apps, and advice on exercise and mindfulness. Some of these sessions are live, allowing for questions and feedback. Many are also recorded and can be paused, rewind, and re-watched. The overview of WestOS content can be found here:

<https://www.westpartnership.co.uk/west-os/>.

eSgoil is Scotland's well-established online learning hub. eSgoil has proven very popular with pupils, particularly those who prefer to study at home. There is a wide range of subjects available. eSgoil's study support program can be found here: <https://www.e-sgoil.com/study-support/>.

Our Principal Teacher of Digital Learning, Miss Whyte offers a Digital Study Skills session on a Monday at lunchtime in T08 to support with accessing the above online resources. Furthermore, Miss Whyte also shares other ways of best making use of online resources for revision.

Easter Revision

Easter Revision is an opportunity for S5 and S6 pupils to have their revision supported over the spring break. As well as subject-specific input from a range of teachers, the school library is available for general, supervised revision. A selection of snacks and resources will be available in the assembly hall and foyer respectively. The full timetable can be found here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/public/hillheadhigh/uploads/sites/7656/2023/03/10183428/2023-Easter-Revision-Timetable.pdf>. Paper copies of this timetable were recently issued at an assembly.

Study Skills

A group of our S6 pupils have put together this document which summarised the key study techniques that led to success in their examinations last year. This document has also been printed and was shared at a recent assembly. Again, a huge thank you to the S6 pupils who gave up their time to think about this and to our school captain, Betty Cocker, for putting the document together. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/public/hillheadhigh/uploads/sites/7656/2023/03/07093343/Study-Skills-Booklet-for-Online.pdf>

Our Principal Teacher of Raising Attainment, Mrs Rothery, has a huge amount of knowledge and experience in highly effective revision techniques. Mrs Rothery runs a workshop on study skills every Tuesday at lunchtime in M112. This is an opportunity for pupils to get advice on study tips, time management, and dealing with stress.

Coaching

The school's **Coaching** programme underpins all of the supports running across the school. Coaching is available to all S5 pupils and ties together our academic and pastoral support. Throughout this year, pupils have met with a designated teacher to discuss how things are going overall. This trusted teacher continues to be available as we approach the examination period.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Supports

One of our Principal Teachers of Pastoral Care, Miss Campbell, has put together this resource that brings together the range of supports that are available for the mental health of young people at Hillhead High School. From Wellbeing Wednesday to online counselling services, all details can be found here:

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

Contact

Curricular Leaders

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

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- Mathematics: Mr Scanlan gw15scanlanmarkdanie@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
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- DHT S6: Mr Richardson gw12richardsonjack@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Mr Neil also has three further online drop-in sessions this year. These are an opportunity to have a one-to-one discussion with your child's head of year. Each session takes place on Teams from 7pm to 8pm.

- Wed 26th April 2023
- Wed 24th May 2023
- Wed 21st June 2023

Thank you for all your support throughout this year and please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions or concerns.

Mr Tom Carson

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