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Information for parents of pupils in S3

Dear Parent / Carer,

It is a pleasure to write to you after a successful first week back in school following the summer holiday. I am already very encouraged to see how well pupils have settled back into school routines. It is evident that, across the year group, many pupils have an awareness or sense that S3 is an 'important year'. There are many significant milestones and events that occur through S3, not least with it marking the final year before pupils make choices for National Qualifications (NQ) subjects. With much to be communicated, considered and understood, we know that it is vital for pupils and their families to be able to access the most up to date information.

Channels of Communication

We will continue to provide updates (like this letter) through our existing platforms:

- **Our Twitter account** (<https://twitter.com/HillheadHS>)
- **The GroupCall app**
- **Our website** (<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/>)
- **Year group 'Teams' pages** (available to pupils through their school iPad)

Your first point of contact with the school will usually be your child's Pastoral Care teacher. Pastoral Care classes are assigned for this year as follows:

3A & 3B – Miss Campbell gw19campbellkirstin@glow.sch.uk

3C – Miss Christie gw21christiehannah@glow.sch.uk

3D – Miss Hewitt gw09hewittjenny@glow.sch.uk

3E – Mrs McLennan gw18mclennankarenemm@glow.sch.uk

3F – Mr Greechan gw07greechanjohn@glow.sch.uk

Furthermore, I can be contacted by email at gw17brownstuart@glow.sch.uk

Year Group Assemblies

These will continue every Wednesday, throughout the session ahead. Pupils are required to be in the assembly hall at 8.54am. Assemblies provide a vital opportunity for year group wide engagement, information and feedback. One crucial resource for assemblies are iPads. We have already used these to make the experience more interactive and to capture the collective voice of the group. We ask that all pupils enable themselves to be included in these activities by remembering to bring their iPad, charged, to school each day.

Tracking Reports & Parents Evening

To contribute to decision making at the point of final options choice for S4 we have scheduled our S3 parents evening for 30.01.24. As well as reporting progress at our parents evening we will provide tracking reports for every child at three different points throughout the year ahead. Explaining how these work, and what to expect will be part of forthcoming assemblies. Parents will receive the first of the three tracking reports week beginning 18.09.23.

Hillhead Habits of Learning and Belonging

During the spring term assemblies placed a focus on positive habits that we believe contribute to a successful school, and school experience for young people. We will continue to work to instil the following:

- Quality **Learning Time** – maximising time in class
- Positive **Learning Quality** – maximising focus in class
- Being **Part of the Team** – feeling a sense of belonging and pride in our school community

We view school uniform as essential in contributing to the above. Please be advised, that is no longer any restriction on changing facilities or venues used by the PE department. Therefore, even on days when pupils have PE, they should attend school wearing uniform and change into PE kit only when necessary. Pupils must not exit PE without changing into school uniform. S3 pupils have core PE on Tuesdays. Depending on elective subjects some S3 pupils will have PE on other days too. Parents can see which days have these lessons by asking to see their child's timetable. You can find out more about our school uniform here: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/school-information/school-uniform/>

Thank you for your support

Stuart Brown
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