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Head Teacher
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S5 Update Letter

Dear Parent / Carer,

First of all I hope this communication finds you and all your family safe and well. This is a very busy period with lots going on and I thought it would be a good time to connect with you and share what is happening at the moment in school and also provide you with information about future plans for S5.

Evidence Gathering

The Evidence Gathering period takes place from 23rd November – 7th December. During this time every pupil has the opportunity to showcase their knowledge and skills across all their subjects as they progress on their journey towards their final SQA exams in May/June 2024. Each piece of work completed during the Evidence Gathering period will allow subject departments to chart pupil progress and allow feedback to be given in order to put appropriate supports, interventions and targets in place.

Each Evidence Gathering paper will take place in either the games hall or gym, unless there is an arrangement in place for separate accommodation to be used. This will allow our young people to experience the same environment that they will be using in May. From 23rd Nov – 7th Dec, S5 pupils will only come into school on the days where they have an Evidence Gathering paper (Timetable was shared with pupils on Monday 30th October and is available on the S5 Teams Page). If pupils require to access support/guidance, then a teacher will be available in school during their timetabled class time.



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The day before each piece of evidence gathering takes place, you will receive a group call reminder about the timings and instructions for registration for the following day. Please take time to read and share with your child. Pupils will be asked to report to the assembly hall 30mins before the start of the evidence gathering paper. They should wear school uniform during each evidence gathering paper.

Support and key messages

At Hillhead High School we are very much aware that this period can be stressful for our S5 pupils and we are keen to ensure they feel supported and prepared throughout. The following steps have been taken over the last few weeks.

- ✓ Year group assembly: This will allow key messages to be shared about Evidence Gathering. The focus is centred around a positive mindset, taking control, utilising support available and making a “pledge for success.”
- ✓ Supported Study: Across the whole school, departments are currently offering a range of supported study classes. Weekly timetables on what is offered each day has been shared via Year Group Teams page, Groupcall and Twitter. Pupils are encouraged to take advantage of this support via our daily tannoy announcements.

Post Evidence Gathering

The actions after evidence gathering has been completed are crucial. The following will take place:

- ✓ After all Evidence Gathering has been complete learner conversations between teacher and pupil will take place.
- ✓ One to one support interviews and target/goal setting will be provided for all S5 pupils. This will be delivered by Senior Leadership Team, Pastoral Care and Pupil Coaches.
- ✓ Supported Study will continue to be offered in the build-up to final SQA Exams.



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- ✓ Universal support package will be delivered to all S5 pupils, utilising PSE time.
- ✓ Targeted interventions and support will be offered.

Monthly S5 Family Drop-In

My next monthly family drop in will take place via the S5 Teams page on Wednesday 15th November from 6.45pm-7.30pm.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Steven Neil

Depute Head Teacher



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