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**Introduction to S5 into S6 Options Choice
 Initial Options Scoping Exercise 2024**

Dear Parent / Carer,

Dear Parent/ Carer of Sample Pupil 5G

It is with pleasure that we write to you and provide initial details of the school’s planned programme for pupils moving from S5 into S6. We have timed the introduction to the options process for S6 to follow both the recent tracking report and the conclusion of the Evidence Gathering cycle. This week the S5 year group attended an assembly and received details regarding the proposed curricular offer for S6 commencing August 2024.

In Hillhead High School S6 pupils work within a curricular structure as illustrated below:

Elective Subject 1	Elective Subject 2	Elective Subject 3	Elective Subject 4	Physical Education (Core PE)	Personal & Social Education (PSE)	Friday 5 Activities
5 Hours + 1 Private Study Period	5 Hours + 1 Private Study Period	5 Hours + 1 Private Study Period	5 Hours + 1 Private Study Period	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour

When moving into S6 pupils are able to more fully shape their timetable than when previously making options choices. With improvements in school structuring we have continued to widen the menu of curricular options available to pupils for their S6 year. In order to plan (consider staffing requirements and timetabling needs) for the new S6 the school requires current S5 pupils to participate in a S5 into S6 Initial Options Scoping Exercise.

Participation in the Scoping Exercise is vital so that an accurate picture of student curricular needs is obtained by the school. When staffing and accommodation resources are at a premium there are occasions when difficult decisions have to be made; It may be the case that certain options are not offered in the final menu of available courses if the demand for them indicated through the scoping exercise is low, or there are viable alternatives.

Every participant, and every selection made in the Scoping Exercise will help make the final menu of options as equitable as possible. We would ask that you support and encourage Sample to participate. This will help ensure that as many desired options, and combinations of options are available in the final options menu and the correct staffing and classes is made available.

Options chosen by Sample in the Initial Options Scoping Exercise are not final. A final selection of options will be made from a final menu of choice we will publish during the S6 induction program in June. **Sample may indeed make different choices at this point, however an initial indication of curricular options is required now.**

All options choice information will be collected electronically, using an online portal.

This, and other relevant information can be found here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/curriculum/curriculum-architecture/s5-into-s6-options/>

The Scoping Exercise is completed by pupils filling out an online form.

In order to validate their form entries pupils must, while completing the form enter a unique identifying number. This number will also be useful in the future as it is also their Scottish Candidate Number



First Name	Surname	Unique Number
Sample	Pupil	123456789

The Scoping Exercise is available via the 'S5 into S6 Options Portal' section of the school website. You can also access the Scoping Exercise directly using the QR code to the right (depending on device specification):

The deadline for completion of the Scoping Exercise is Sunday 10th March at 2359

If you or Sample has any issue accessing the online system, or you have any difficulty using appropriate ICT the school can provide assistance. If you face any such issue please ask Sample to see their Pastoral Care teacher who will be able to make entries on their behalf.

If either you or your Sample would like to discuss options choice further, the Pastoral Care team can facilitate any enquiry.

We will be in touch with you again soon with the information relevant to you and your child.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Brown

Depute Head Teacher