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**S5 into S6 induction
Invitation to select S6 options for August 2024**

Dear Parent/ Carer

Throughout the week ahead the new S6 year group, alongside the programme of planned activities, will be invited to make final options choices for the year ahead. All information related to the process can be accessed via a link on the following School Website page:

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

We will continue to update this page as the S5 into S6 options process progresses.

In our school, S6 pupils follow a curriculum as below:

Elective Subject 1 'column A'	Elective Subject 2 'column B'	Elective Subject 3 'column B'	Elective Subject 4 'column B'	Physical Education (Core PE)	Personal & Social Education (PSE)	Minority Time Activities (MTA)
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 compared to when making options choices in S3 or S4. Since 2019, we have successively widened our menu of options available to pupils returning for S6. As well as expanding the menu of options available, we have also changed the way we design the layout of the options menu. We use the responses from pupils returned through the Scoping Exercise undertaken in March to place options in the columns in the way that best meets the needs and wishes of the year group.

This year, despite a reduction in our school's overall staffing capacity, and the closure of the Glasgow Advanced Higher Hub, we hope to offer the same number and variety of subject choices as provided last year. As well as traditional school delivered options, we are pleased to offer access to a wider range of subjects through both national and regional online provision.

The menu of available options for the new S6 can be seen by following the school website link referenced above. Additionally, to aid understanding of the process we have compiled a set of frequently asked questions along with answers and explanations. This can also be found on the page referenced above.

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

The form can be accessed by visiting the school website page as referenced above and has been designed to work best using the school issued iPad. The approach is identical to that successfully used when choosing S4 options. To use the form pupils should use the link on the school website. For security they must sign in using their Glow username and password. Should your child have any difficulty signing in with their Glow ID you are able to contact the school office and ask that the password is reset.

The deadline for submission of the S6 options is 1500 on Friday 21.06.24

We would encourage parents to share and discuss the contents of this letter with their child. Engagement using the Teams platform is essential for all S5 pupils in the week ahead. This will provide a live feed of information and allow pupils to raise questions and access support when required.

Yours Faithfully,

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