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## S6 Information Letter 2024/25

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am delighted to welcome back our returning S6 pupils to their final year of secondary school as their Head of Year. I am looking forward to working with you and your young person throughout this year.

### Channels of Communication

I am sending this letter to share some essential information for the year ahead. As well as letters like this, updates will be communicated through:

- our Twitter/X account (<https://twitter.com/HillheadHS>)
- the GroupCall app
- our website (<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/>)

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

6A – Miss Hewitt [gw09hewittjenny@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw09hewittjenny@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

6B – Miss Christie [gw21christiehannah1@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw21christiehannah1@glow.sch.uk)

6C – Mr Greechan [gw07greechanjohn@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw07greechanjohn@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

6D – Miss Hewitt [gw09hewittjenny@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw09hewittjenny@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

6E – Miss Campbell [gw19campbellkirstin@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw19campbellkirstin@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

6F – Mrs Alexander [gw10higginsnicola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10higginsnicola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

Furthermore, I can be contacted by email at [gw11carsonthomas3@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw11carsonthomas3@glow.sch.uk).

An online information evening for S6 will take place on **Thursday 5th of September** on Teams from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. More details will be shared closer to the time.





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## Progress Updates

Parents' Evening, where one-to-one meetings can be scheduled with each of your child's teachers, will take place on **Tuesday 1st of October** from 4.15pm to 6.45pm.

A usual, tracking reports are shared to give you a snap-shot of your child's progress throughout the year. There will be a tracking report shared in **November** and another in **February**.

As Mr Neil did for S5 last session, I will be running **online drop-in sessions** each month. These are an opportunity to log-in to ask me any questions. These will take place on Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 8pm on the following dates: 18th Sept, 9th Oct, 13th Nov, 11th Dec, 15th Jan, 26th Feb, 19th Mar, 23rd Apr, 14th May, 4th June.

Reminders for all these events will be shared via the usual channels.

In the meantime, if you have questions about your child's progress in any subjects you can contact the Faculty Head of the subject on the email addresses below:

- English: Miss Southern [gw20southernsusan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw20southernsusan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)
- Expressive Arts: Mr Reid [gw10reidross@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10reidross@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)
- Humanities: Mr Elder [gw10elderdouglas3@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10elderdouglas3@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)
- Mathematics: Mr Scanlan: [gw15scanlanmarkdanie@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw15scanlanmarkdanie@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)
- Modern Languages: Mrs Campbell-Young [gw10campbellyounglau@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10campbellyounglau@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)
- P.E. and Health & Wellbeing: Mr Gemmill [gw14gemmilljohn3@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14gemmilljohn3@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)
- Science: Miss Ayton [gw11aytonalyson@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw11aytonalyson@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)
- Business, Administration: Miss Cuthbertson [gw10cuthbertsonelain@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10cuthbertsonelain@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)
- Graphics, Furniture Making: Mr Tait [gw16taitdavid1@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw16taitdavid1@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

## Hillhead Habits of Learning and Belonging

S6 pupils are role models for younger year groups and help set the tone for the rest of the school in terms of positive habits. At Hillhead, we believe in instilling 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

**Full school uniform** (white shirt, blue tie, black trousers or skirt) is essential in fostering a sense of belonging in our school community. A low-cost school uniform is inclusive and minimises pressure on pupils to wear expensive designer clothing.



KINDNESS



AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESILIENCE



RESPECT



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As well as this visible sign of leadership, all S6 pupils will join **committees** this year which are designed to support school identity and community. This work will not only support the wider life of the school develop key skills, it will also give the opportunity for all pupils to obtain their Level 6 SQA Leadership Award. Pupils will sign up to committees following an assembly this week.

**Timekeeping and attendance** are imperative in ensuring that learning time is maximised. All S6 pupils are required to attend registration each morning at 8.54am to find out essential information as well as opportunities. If we have concerns about attendance, letters will be sent out by Pastoral Care teachers to communicate this and support us all working together to support your child.

Events such as staff versus pupils matches and prom are available for those who display positive habits throughout the year.

### Financial Information

While we work hard to minimise the cost of the school day for all pupils, any payments (e.g for prom, ties) must be made to the school via ParentPay. More information on ParentPay can be found here: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/shop/>

S6 pupils may be entitled to a monthly payment through the Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA). Details of criteria and how to apply for EMA have been posted on the S6 Teams page.

We also have a Financial Inclusion Support Officer (FISO) who is available to provide free advice regarding finances. This includes entitlements such as EMA, Free School Meals and school clothing grants. Her name is Nicola McCaskill and she can be contacted in confidence at 0141 648 2022 or at [schools@money mattersweb.co.uk](mailto:schools@money mattersweb.co.uk).

More information regarding financial supports can be found here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/school-information/cost-of-the-school-day/>

### Examinations and Supports

The 2025 SQA exam diet starts on Monday 28th April and finishes on Friday 30th May. The full exam timetable is due to be published by the end of August.

To support with the examinations, S6 Evidence Gathering will take place this year from Monday 27th January to Friday 7th February. Time is also built into this period for mop-up due to absence as well as supporting the completion of the Level 6 Leadership Award.

A reminder that eSgoil (<https://www.e-sgoil.com/>) and WestOS (<https://www.westpartnership.co.uk/west-os/>) offer live and recorded sessions that are available now.





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### Leaving School

A lot of work goes into helping prepare our pupils for leaving school. A great deal of support from the Pastoral Care and Pathways Teams to ensure they pupils are ready for life after Hillhead High School. UCAS, college and modern apprenticeship deadlines will be shared in the coming months. We will be hosting an information evening on Tuesday 5th September which will cover the range of supports that are available, as well as provide information about the application process for college, university, employment and apprenticeships.

I am looking forward to working with you to ensure that your child has a fulfilling and successful final year at Hillhead High School.

Kind regards,

Mr Tom Carson

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