



Hillhead High School  
Oakfield Avenue  
Glasgow G12 8LJ  
Phone 0141 582 0100

Head Teacher K McAlaney

15th August 2025

### **S3 Parent/Carer Information**

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 (X) account (<https://twitter.com/HillheadHS>)
- The GroupCall 'Eduspot' app (previously known as 'Expressions')
- 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 – Mrs McLennan [gw18mclennankarenemm@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw18mclennankarenemm@glow.sch.uk)

3B – Miss Hewitt [gw09hewittjenny@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw09hewittjenny@glow.sch.uk)

3C – Mr Greechan [gw07greechanjohn@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw07greechanjohn@glow.sch.uk)

3D – Mrs Alexander [gw10higginsnicola@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10higginsnicola@glow.sch.uk)

3E – Miss Christie [gw21christiehannah@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw21christiehannah@glow.sch.uk)

3F – Mrs McLennan [gw18mclennankarenemm@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw18mclennankarenemm@glow.sch.uk)

Furthermore, I can be contacted by email at [gw17brownstuart@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw17brownstuart@glow.sch.uk)



Hillhead High School  
Oakfield Avenue  
Glasgow G12 8LJ  
Phone 0141 582 0100

Head Teacher K McAlaney

### Departments/Faculty contacts

- 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)
- Technologies Computing: Miss Cuthbertson [gw10cuthbertsonelain@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10cuthbertsonelain@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)
- Support for Learning: Mr Pache [gw17pachejohn@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw17pachejohn@glow.ea.glasgow.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.

### Hillhead High Habits of Learning & Belonging

Regular in-school tannoy messages and posts on the S3 Year Group Teams page will continually reinforce our school values and expectations. It is crucial that your child always conducts themselves in an appropriate manner, both within our school building and across our wider community. We expect our pupils to live our positive ***"Hillhead Habits of Learning & Belonging"*** where we promote,

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.

- S3 pupils should wear full school uniform every day. PE kit should be brought in a bag and all pupils should change into their kit at the beginning of the lesson and back into their school uniform at the end.
- S3 pupils should come to school fully prepared with all materials and equipment for class, including their fully charged school iPad.



KINDNESS



AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESILIENCE



RESPECT





Hillhead High School  
Oakfield Avenue  
Glasgow G12 8LJ  
Phone 0141 582 0100

Head Teacher K McAlaney

- S3 pupils should arrive on time and attend all classes each day, including daily registration and Friday Period 5.
- S3 pupils should work hard and give 100% effort during **every** timetabled class.
- S3 pupils should complete all classroom and homework tasks to the best of their ability.
- S3 pupils should not be using or have their mobile phone out in class, the focus should be on learning.
- S3 pupils should model our school values consistently.

**Timekeeping and attendance** are imperative in ensuring that learning time is maximised. All S3 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.

### Upcoming events & longer-term plans

There are a number of significant events and milestones for pupils as they move through S3:

- First tracking report (1 of 3) – Week beginning 22.09.25
- Introduction to S4/S5 options – Week beginning 01.12.25 – a letter will be issued to coincide with this
- Preliminary options survey – as above
- Options initial scoping exercise (pupils indicate preferred options for S4/S5) – Week beginning 08.12.25 until after winter break
- Second tracking report (2 of 3) – Week beginning 15.12.25
- January – Online parents information evening – date TBC.
- S3 parents evening – 03.02.26
- Commencement of final selection of options – Week beginning 09.02.26
- Third tracking report (3 of 3) – Week beginning 20.04.26
- Move to S4 (new timetable) – Week beginning 26.05.26

We will of course issue separate letters relating to the topics above in due course.



KINDNESS



AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESILIENCE



RESPECT





Hillhead High School  
Oakfield Avenue  
Glasgow G12 8LJ  
Phone 0141 582 0100

Head Teacher K McAlaney

### **Financial Information**

While we work hard to minimise the cost of the school day for all pupils, any payments (e.g for trips, 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/>

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@moneymattersweb.co.uk](mailto:schools@moneymattersweb.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/>

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Brown

Depute Head Teacher



KINDNESS



AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESILIENCE



RESPECT

