



Hillhead High School
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Head Teacher
K McAlaney

12th August 2025

S1 Information Letter 2025/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your family have enjoyed a restful summer break.

My name is Mr Carson, and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Depute Head Teacher for S1 and S2. It is a privilege to take on this role and to work alongside our dedicated staff, pupils, and families to support a positive and enriching school experience. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Campbell-Marzella for her work on the transition programme to this point. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a happy retirement.

First Day of Term: Thursday 14th August

All S1 pupils should make their way to the assembly hall for 8.50am on the morning of Thursday 14th August. I will lead an assembly for the first half of period 1 with key information. Pupils will then go to their timetabled classes thereafter. For the initial few days, S2 mentors will ensure S1 pupils find their way to their classes.

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:

- the GroupCall app
- our website (<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/>)

We have a strong network of support available to pupils through our **Pastoral Care Team** and **Support for Learning Department**. These teams work closely with pupils, families, and staff to ensure that individual needs are met and that every young person has the opportunity to thrive. These are also your first point of contact with the school regarding your child.

- 1A: Miss Christie gw21christiehannah1@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
- 1B: Miss Hewitt gw09hewittjenny@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
- 1C: Mrs Alexander gw10higginsnicola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
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- Support for Learning: Mr Pache gw17pachejohn@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Please note that all of Pupil Support staff have a teaching commitment and will get back to you as soon as they can in response to any queries.

I will be hosting an **Online Information Evening** on Wednesday 27th August. I will send more information on what this session will cover as well as how to join closer to the time.

Throughout the year, I will also be hosting optional **Online Family Drop-in Sessions**. These are an opportunity to ask me any questions on a one-to-one basis. These will take on Teams from 6pm to 6.30pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday 24th September
- Wednesday 22nd October
- Wednesday 19th November
- Wednesday 21st January
- Wednesday 18th February
- Wednesday 25th March
- Wednesday 21st April
- Wednesday 20th May

Reminders of events will be shared via the GroupCall Xpressions app.

Hillhead Habits of Learning and Belonging

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, red 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



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on pupils to wear expensive designer clothing. If you need any support, then please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher.

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

In order to maximise the quality of learning in classes, mobile phones should be kept out of sight and silent during all classes at Hillhead High School.

Progress Updates

This session, you will have several opportunities to receive feedback and engage with your child's learning journey.

S1 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 28th of October. This will be an opportunity for you to meet one-to-one with each of your child's teachers and obtain information on learning and progress in each subject area. Information on how to book appointments will be shared closer to the time.

Tracking Reports give a snapshot of your child's progress throughout the year. All S1 pupils will be issued with tracking reports in December, March and May of this session.

Financial Support

While we work hard to minimise the cost of the school day for all pupils, any payments 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@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/>



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Thank you for your support. I look forward to working together to ensure a successful and rewarding year for all S1 pupils.

Warm regards,

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