



Hillhead High School
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Head Teacher
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14th August 2025

S6 Information Letter 2025/26

Dear Parent / Carer,

My name is Mr Richardson, and I am delighted to be the year group head for S6 next year. Through the S6 Induction Leadership Academy I enjoyed the opportunity to get to know my new year group better and I am looking forward to working with them, and you, to support them in their final year of school.

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 - Mrs McLennan gw18mclennankarenemm@glow.sch.uk

6B - Miss Christie gw21christiehannah1@glow.sch.uk

6C - Miss Christie gw21christiehannah1@glow.sch.uk

6D - Mr Greechan gw07greechanjohn@glow.sch.uk

6E – Mrs Alexander gw10higginsnicola@glow.sch.uk

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Furthermore, I can be contacted by email at gw12richardsonjack@glow.sch.uk



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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 7th of October** from **4.15pm to 6.45pm**.

As 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 6.30pm to 7pm** on the following dates:

17th September 2025

1st October 2025

12th November 2025

10th December 2025

21st January 2026

25th February 2026

18th March 2026

22nd April 2026

13th May 2026

3rd June 2026

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.sch.uk
- Expressive Arts: Mr Reid gw10reidross@glow.sch.uk
- Humanities: Mr Elder gw10elderdouglas3@glow.sch.uk
- Mathematics: Mr Scanlan: gw15scanlanmarkdanie@glow.sch.uk
- Modern Languages: Mrs Campbell-Young gw10campbellyounglau@glow.sch.uk
- P.E. and Health & Wellbeing: Mr Gemmill gw14gemmilljohn3@glow.sch.uk
- Science: Miss Ayton gw11aytonalyson@glow.sch.uk
- Technologies: Miss Cuthbertson gw10cuthbertsonelain@glow.sch.uk



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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.

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 and 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 in 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.



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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 Wednesday 22nd April and finishes on Monday 1st June. 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 26th January to Friday 6th 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.

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. Much of this support is delivered through weekly PSE lessons. A reminder that the **deadline for early university applicants (medicine, dentistry, veterinary, Oxford and Cambridge) is 15th of October. The deadline for other university applications is December. College applications open in January and spaces are filled quickly so support will be offered to help our young people be ready to apply at the earliest opportunity.** We will be hosting an information evening which will cover the range of supports that are available, as well as providing information about the application process for college, university, employment and apprenticeships. More information will be provided on this soon.

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

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