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S5 Post Evidence Gathering Update Letter

Dear Parent / Carer,

This letter shares your young person's results from the recent S5 Evidence Gathering exams and outlines supports available during Term 3.

Term 3 is a very important stage in S5. During this time, pupils complete folios, portfolios and practical assessments in a number of subjects. These pieces of work can make up a significant part of the final S5 grade (more detail on this below). With the SQA exam diet beginning on **22nd April 2026**, it is essential that pupils continue to demonstrate our Hillhead Habits:

- Learning Time – *Maximising time in class*
- Learning Quality – *Engaging fully in all lessons*
- Part of the Team – *Working with staff and peers to achieve their best*

Your support in reinforcing these habits at home is greatly appreciated.

The Evidence Gathering window gave pupils the chance to showcase what they know and experience formal assessment conditions, helping them prepare for the final exams in April. Our SQA invigilators were very impressed by the positive attitude, behaviour and organisation of the year group.

However, we recognise that your child is more than one assessment performance. Teachers use a wide range of evidence, including classwork, coursework, tests and Evidence Gathering, to build a full picture of progress. This allows them to give helpful feedback and set clear targets so pupils can continue to improve between now and the final exam diet.



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Additional Supports

The most important ingredient for success is attendance, focus and hard work in every class. This will be supplemented by our in house supported study programme, the online evening supported study programme through E-Sgoil and the SQA affiliated ACHIEVE study website.

We are currently putting together our Supported Study Programme for Tem 3 and this will start week beginning 12th January.

E-Sgoil offers evening supported study sessions that pupils can opt into. Pupils can sign up using the QR Code below. Details about this will also be shared at the year group assembly.



ACHIEVE is an SQA-affiliated study platform that gives pupils access to course materials, mini assessments, and feedback highlighting strengths and areas for improvement. Pupils can sign up with their Glow email using the QR Code below. Details about this will also be shared at the year group assembly.





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S5 Parents Evening

We would like to remind families that the S5 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 13 January, from 4.15pm to 6.45pm. This is a valuable opportunity to meet with subject teachers, discuss your young person's progress and receive guidance on how best to support them as they move towards their final S5 assessments.

Appointments can be made through Parent Booker using the link below.

<https://parents-booking.co.uk/hillheadhs>

Monthly S5 Family Drop-In

The next monthly family drop in will take place via the S5 Teams page on Wednesday 28th January from 6.30pm-7.00pm.

Thanks,

Steven Neil

Depute Head Teacher

Hannah Christie

Acting Depute Head Teacher