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S6 Update- Evidence Gathering and S6 Events

Dear Parent / Carer,

This letter will provide an update on S6 Evidence Gathering, as well as a reminder about upcoming S6 events.

Term 3 is a very important stage in S6. 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 their final grade. 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. These habits are of particular importance as S6 prepare to leave school and take their next steps in life. Many S6 pupils will start to receive conditional or unconditional offers from university or college which can have an impact on motivation and can also cause pupils to feel pressure. Remembering our Hillhead Habits and fully applying themselves in all their subjects regardless of any offers is the best way to ensure they are as prepared as possible for life after Hillhead High.

S6 Evidence Gathering

The Evidence Gathering window gives pupils the chance to showcase what they know and experience formal assessment conditions, helping them prepare for the final exams in April. 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. The S6 Evidence Gathering diet runs from **Monday 26th January to Friday 6th February**. Pupils are only expected to be in school on the days they have Evidence Gathering papers. They can access the school library for silent individual study during the day if they prefer.



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Eduspot messages will be sent out to parents/carers the day before each evidence gathering paper with details of registration times.

For morning evidence gathering papers, pupils must arrive at 8.30am to register in the Assembly Hall. For afternoon papers, pupils must arrive at 1.30pm to register in Gym 1.

The timetable for Evidence Gathering is available below.

S6 Evidence Gathering 2026				
Thursday 22nd January				
Course	Level	Paper	Time	Location
Music	Advanced Higher	Practical	Thurs P3 & 4	Music Dept
Monday 26th January				
Morning				
Course	Level	Paper	Time	Location
English	Advanced Higher	Literary Study	09:00 - 10:30	GH
English	Advanced Higher	Textual Analysis	11:00 - 12:30	GH
English	Higher	Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation	09:00 - 10:30	GH
English	Higher	Critical Reading	11:00 - 12:30	GH
ESOL	Higher	Reading	09:00 - 10:10	Gym 2
ESOL	Higher	Writing	11:00 - 12:40	Gym 2
ESOL	National 5	Reading	09:00 - 10:10	Gym 2
ESOL	National 5	Writing	11:00 - 12:10	Gym 2
Afternoon				
Course	Level	Paper	Time	Location
ESOL	National 5	Listening	14:00 - 14:30	EAL
ESOL	Higher	Listening	15:00 - 15:45	EAL
Tuesday 27th January				
Morning				
Course	Level	Paper	Time	Location
Physics	Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 09:45	GH
Physics	Higher	Paper 2	10:15 - 12:30	GH
Physics	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00	Gym 2
Furniture Making	Level 5		10:00 - 13.15	T02
Afternoon				
Course	Level	Paper	Time	Location
Music	Advanced Higher	Listening	14:00 - 15:15	M01



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Wednesday 28th January				
Morning				
Course	Level	Paper	Time	Location
Maths	Advanced Higher	Paper 1 non-calculator	09:00 - 10:00	GH
Maths	Advanced Higher	Paper 2 calculator	10:30 - 13:00	GH
Maths	Higher	Paper 1 non-calculator	09:00 - 10:15	Gym 2
Maths	Higher	Paper 2 calculator	10:45 - 12:15	Gym 2
Application of Maths	National 5	Paper 1 non-calculator	09:00 - 09:50	GH
Application of Maths	National 5	Paper 2 calculator	10:30 - 12:10	GH
Thursday 29th January				
Morning				
Course	Level	Paper	Time	Location
Biology	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00	Gym 2
Biology	Higher	Paper 1	9:00 - 09:40	Gym 2
Biology	Higher	Paper 2	10:15 - 12:35	Gym 2
Photography	Higher		09:00 - 10:00	Gym 2
Admin & IT	Higher	Theory Paper	09:00 - 10:00	Gym 2
Afternoon				
Course	Level	Paper	Time	Location
Art & Design	Higher	Theory Paper	14:00 - 16:00	Gym 2
Friday 30th January				
Morning				
Course	Level	Paper	Time	Location
Chemistry	Advanced Higher		9:00 - 12:00	Gym 2
Chemistry	Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 9:40	Gym 2
Chemistry	Higher	Paper 2	10:15 - 12:35	Gym 2



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Monday 2nd February				
Morning				
Course	Level	Paper	Time	Location
Graphics	Advanced Higher	Theory Paper	09:00 - 11:30	Gym 2
Graphics	Higher	Theory Paper	09:00 - 11:30	Gym 2
Politics	Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 10:45	Gym 2
Politics	Higher	Paper 2	11:20 - 12:35	Gym 2
Physical Education	Higher	Theory Paper	09:00 - 11:30	Gym 2
Spanish	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:00	Gym 2
Spanish	Higher	Listening	12:30 - 13:00	M212
Mandarin (Simplified)	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30	Gym 2
Italian	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30	Gym 2
Afternoon				
Hospitality	National 5		14:00 - 15:00	Gym 2
Tuesday 3rd February				
Morning				
Course	Level	Paper	Time	Location
History	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00	Gym2
History	Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 11:30	Gym 2
History	Higher	Paper 2	12:00 - 13:30	Gym 2
Business Management	Higher		09:00 - 11:00	Gym 2
Media	Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 10:45	Gym 2
Media	Higher	Paper 2	11:20 - 12:20	Gym 2
Afternoon				
Course	Level	Paper	Time	Location
Mandarin (Simplified)	Advanced Higher	Listening	12.15 - 14:00	M217
Italian	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	11:30 - 12:50	M212
Wednesday 4th February				
Morning				
Course	Level	Paper	Time	Location
Cyber Security	Level 6		09:00 - 11:00	T07
Thursday 5th February				
Morning				
Course	Level	Paper	Time	Location
Admin & IT	Higher	Practical	09:00 - 12:00	T08/T09
Friday 6th February				
Morning				
Course	Level	Paper	Time	Location
Graphics	Advanced Higher	Practical Assessment	09:00 - 12:00	T01



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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.

Our **supported study programme** for Term 3 started on 14th January and is the timetable is available below.

After School Supported Study Term 3

Wed 14th January – Fri 13th February

Day	Subject	Level	Teacher
Monday	English	Nat 5	Ms Cunningham
	Geography	Nat 5	Mr Creaney
	Music	Higher	Ms Todd
Tuesday	French	Higher	Ms Campbell Young
	Graphics	Higher	Mr Rooney
Wednesday	Chemistry	Higher	Mr Griffin
	Computing	Nat 5 & Higher	Ms Webster
	History	Higher	Mr Dunn
	Maths	N4 – Adv Higher	Mr Pender
	Maths	Nat 5 Maths & Apps	Mr Johnson
	Modern Studies	Higher	Ms Thomson
	Woodwork	Nat 5	Mr Tait
Thursday	Administration and IT	Higher	Ms Caven
	Business Management	Nat 5	Ms Milligan
	Business Management	Higher	Ms Cherry
	Chemistry	Higher	Ms Zahid-Jamil
	Geography	Nat 5 & Higher	Ms Caldwell
	Graphics	Adv Higher	Mr Tait
	English	Higher	Ms Logan
	English	Higher	Mr McGuire
	Sociology	Higher	Mr Traynor
Friday	Chemistry	Nat 5, Higher, Adv H	Ms Ayton
	Spanish	Higher	Ms McColm



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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.



Monthly S6 Family Drop-In

The next monthly family drop in will take place via the S6 Teams page on Wednesday 21st January from 6.30pm-7.00pm.



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S6 Events

The S6 Alton Towers trip takes place on **Wednesday 1st of April**. The cost of this trip is **£80**. All payments must be made through **ParentPay** and the **deadline for payment Friday 13th of February**. If payment is not made by this date, then places will be offered to pupils on the reserve list. If you would like to discuss financial support for this trip, please contact me on the details at the bottom of this letter.

The 2026 Prom takes place on Wednesday 10th June at the Village Hotel. The cost of this event is £45, and payment must be made by **Friday 27th of March**. If you would like to discuss financial support for this event, please contact me on the details at the bottom of this letter.

I will outline arrangements for S6 pupils in a future letter before the end of Term 3.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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