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**Introduction to S5 into S6 Options Choice
 Initial Options Scoping Exercise 2026
 For attention of Sample Pupil and parents/carers**

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Dear Sample

Following on from Friday’s assembly it is with pleasure that we write to you and provide initial details of the school’s planned programme for pupils moving from S5 into S6. We have timed the introduction to the options process for S6 to follow both the recent tracking report and the conclusion of the Evidence Gathering cycle. Our aim is to provide the earliest possible introduction to pupils and provide them time to settle on plans for next session, whether that be a selection of courses offered within the school, or opportunities elsewhere. This week the S5 year group attended an assembly and received details regarding the proposed curricular offer for S6 commencing August 2025.

As explained at our assembly, in Hillhead High School S6 pupils work within a curricular structure as illustrated below:

Elective Subject 1	Elective Subject 2	Elective Subject 3	Elective Subject 4	Physical Education (Core PE)	Personal & Social Education (PSE)	Friday 5 Activities
5 Hours + 1 Private Study Period	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour			

When moving into S6 pupils are able to more fully shape their timetable than when previously making options choices. With improvements in school structuring we have continued to widen the menu of curricular options available to pupils for their S6 year. In order to plan (consider staffing requirements and timetabling needs) for the new S6 the school requires current S5 pupils to participate in what we call the S5 into S6 Initial Options Scoping Exercise.

Participation in the Scoping Exercise is vital so that an accurate picture of student curricular needs is obtained by the school. When staffing and accommodation resources are at a premium there are occasions when difficult decisions have to be made; It may be the case that certain options are not offered in the final menu of available courses if the demand for them indicated through the scoping exercise is low, or there are viable alternatives.

Every participant, and every selection made in the Scoping Exercise will help make the final menu of options as equitable as possible. We would ask that parents/carers support and encourage their child to participate. This will help ensure that as many desired options, and combinations of options are available in the final options menu and the correct staffing and classes is made available.

Options chosen by pupils in the Initial Options Scoping Exercise are not final. A final selection of options will be made from a final menu of choice we will publish during the S6 induction program in June. **Pupils may indeed make different choices at this point, however an initial indication of curricular options is required now.**



All options choice information will be collected electronically, using an online portal.

This, and other relevant information can be found on a dedicated website page:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/curriculum/curriculum-architecture/s5-into-s6-options/>

The direct link to the form is available here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKUywwPejP3JLr6KtWmMEmShUODRCU0M2UUIQUFBVMFRWVVOFNuVTFESS4u>

In order to validate your form entry you must, while completing the form enter a unique identifying number.

This number is simply your Scottish Candidate Number, and also the same number that is used for ICT login.

Name	Candidate/ICT login number:
Sample Pupil	123456789



The deadline for completion of the Scoping Exercise is Sunday 15th March at 2359

If you have difficulty accessing the online system, or you have any difficulty using appropriate ICT the school can provide assistance. Your new and recently provided school iPad will be invaluable throughout the options choice process. If you are experiencing a specific issue related to this you must inform the school office staff.

If you would like to discuss options choice further, the Pastoral Care team can facilitate any enquiry.

We will be in touch with you again with further information.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Brown

Depute Head Teacher



KINDNESS



AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESILIENCE



RESPECT