



Hillhead High School
Oakfield Avenue
Glasgow G12 8LJ
Phone 0141 582 0100

Head Teacher
K McAlaney

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 welcome you and your child to Hillhead High School as they begin their S1 journey.

Starting secondary school is a significant milestone, and we are looking forward to supporting every young person as they settle into school life, develop a strong sense of belonging, and make excellent progress in their learning.

Before sharing some key information, I would like to recognise those who have worked so hard to support this year's transition.

I would like to sincerely thank the Primary 7 teachers and Depute Head Teachers from all of our associated and partner primary schools for the information they have shared about each young person. Whether your child attended one of our associated primary schools or is joining Hillhead through a placing request, this information has been invaluable in helping us get to know every pupil as an individual and ensuring they have the very best start to secondary school.

I would also like to thank Miss Copland and Mrs McColm for leading our numeracy and literacy transition programme with our associated primary schools. Their work has helped pupils become familiar with Hillhead High School while providing valuable information to support learning from the very beginning.

First Day of Term – Wednesday 12th August

All S1 pupils should arrive at the **Assembly Hall by 8.50am**.

I will welcome pupils during a short Year Group Assembly at the beginning of Period 1, where I will introduce them to life at Hillhead High School and outline what they can expect during their first few weeks.

Pupils will then attend their Period 1 class for the remainder of the lesson before following their normal timetable for the rest of the day.



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During the first few days, our S2 mentors will be available throughout the school to help pupils find their classrooms, answer questions and support them as they settle into school life.

Hillhead Habits of Learning and Belonging

At Hillhead High School, we believe that every young person should leave school with the knowledge, skills and qualifications to lead a happy and successful life.

To achieve this, we encourage every pupil to develop three important habits:

- **Maximise Learning Time** by attending regularly, arriving on time and being ready to learn.
- **Maximise Learning Quality** by working hard, concentrating and making the most of every lesson.
- **Be Part of the Team** by showing kindness, respect and pride in our school community.

These habits underpin everything we do and help ensure that every pupil can succeed.

Full school uniform (white shirt, red tie, black trousers or skirt) is an important part of fostering a strong sense of belonging while helping to minimise unnecessary pressure around clothing.

Working in Partnership

Young people achieve most when school and home work together.

Your child's Pastoral Care Teacher will be your main point of contact throughout the year and will work closely with teachers, Support for Learning and myself to ensure every young person is well supported.

1A & 1E – Mrs Alexander gw10higginsnicola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

1B & 1C – Mr Greechan gw07greechanjohn@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

1D – Miss Caven gw20whytecaitlin@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

1F – Miss Hewitt gw09hewittjenny@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk



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Our Principal Teachers of Support for Learning work closely with pupils with any additional support needs.

Mr Pache gw17pachejohn@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Mrs McGuire gw17mcguiresiobhan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We are always keen to work closely with families to ensure every young person is supported and successful.

Keeping in Touch

Throughout the year, we will communicate with families through:

- The EduSpot app
- The Hillhead High School website

I will also host an **Online S1 Information Evening** on **Wednesday 26th August**. During this session, I will outline key routines and expectations for S1, explain how we support pupils throughout the year and answer any questions you may have. Joining details will be shared nearer the time.

Parents' Evening

Our **S1 Parents' Evening** will take place on **Tuesday 27th October**.

This is an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, discuss their progress and next steps in their learning. Information about booking appointments will be shared nearer the time.

Tracking Reports

You will receive **three Tracking Reports** during your child's first year at Hillhead. These reports provide an overview of your child's progress across all subjects and highlight strengths as well as areas for development.



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Tracking Reports will be issued during the weeks beginning:

- **14th December**
- **1st March**
- **12th May**

Parent and Carer Tracking Report Drop-ins

During the week following each Tracking Report, I will host an optional online Parent and Carer Drop-in Session.

These sessions provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, ask questions about the Tracking Report and seek advice on how we can work together to support their continued success.

Details of each session will be shared via EduSpot in advance.

Financial Support

We are committed to keeping the cost of the school day as low as possible.

Payments should be made through ParentPay. Further information can be found on the school website.

Families can also access free, confidential financial advice through our Financial Inclusion Support Officer, **Nicola McCaskill**, who can provide guidance on Free School Meals, Clothing Grants, EMA and other financial support.

Telephone: **0141 648 2022**

Email: schools@money mattersweb.co.uk

Furthermore, all S1 pupils will be provided with a stationary pack from the mathematics department that includes pens, pencils, a ruler, and a calculator.



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Finally...

The move from primary to secondary school is an exciting step, and we are committed to ensuring that every young person enjoys a positive start to life at Hillhead High School.

We look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming years and helping your child thrive both academically and personally.

If you have any questions before the start of term, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I look forward to welcoming our new S1 pupils on Wednesday 12th August.

Kind regards,

Mr Tom Carson

Depute Head Teacher (S1 & S2) gw11carsonthomas3@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk



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