



Hillhead High School
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Head Teacher K
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For Attention of Parents and Carers of S3 Pupils – Back to School August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your family have enjoyed a restful summer break.

Prior to the break, pupils moved from S2, into S3 when the school changed timetable on 26th May. Pupils should continue to follow the same timetable, as experienced before the holidays.

First Day of Term – Wednesday 12th August

All S3 pupils should arrive and go to their registration class as usual at the start of the day.

- Registration is 8.54am to 9.00am every day
- We have a weekly assembly – every Wednesday, next week onwards
- For tomorrow only, registration will be slightly extended to allow some information to be shared

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.

Key Routines & Expectations

All pupils are timetabled in PE (core) at least once a week for a double period

- Pupils in 3A, 3B & 3C – Friday
- Pupils in 3D, 3E & 3F – Wednesday
- Pupils are expected to attend with PE kit, changing before and after class
- School uniform is expected to at all other times

All pupils are supplied with a school iPad, funded by Glasgow City Council

- The iPad should be brought to school every day
- It should be carried in a schoolbag
- Any loss or damage should be reported immediately to the school office
- The iPad is crucial to the learning experience



KINDNESS



AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESILIENCE



RESPECT



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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.

3C – Mrs Alexander gw10higginsnicola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

3A & 3E – Mr Greechan gw07greechanjohn@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

3D – Miss Caven gw20whytecaitlin@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

3B – Miss Hewitt gw09hewittjenny@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

3F – Ms Williams gw20williamsalice@glow.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

Online S3 Information Evenings will be scheduled later in the school session, to support the process of selecting options for the move to certificate courses starting in S4

Parents' Evening

Our **S3 Parents' Evening** will take place on **Tuesday 3rd February**.

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:

- **7th September**
- **7th December**
- **19th April**

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

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.

Kind regards,

Mr S Brown

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