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Dear Parent/Carer

S4 Steps to Success Parents Meeting – Thursday 1st December 2022

Following the first tracking report that our S4 learners and families received we are now delighted to welcome you to our targeted Steps to Success Parents Meeting due to take place in the school on Thursday 1st December.

During this evening you will have an opportunity to attend some appointments with class teachers – these appointments have been targeted based upon your young person's performance in the subject area. There will also be an opportunity for you to attend some workshops which we hope will be useful as you support your young person during this very important year at school.

WHY AM I ONLY ABLE TO SEE SOME TEACHERS?

This event is for S4, S5 and S6 students therefore we target the individual appointments with class teachers on a needs basis. If your child has been given either a grade D or a No Award in a subject, you will be invited to make an individual appointment with their class teacher. The purpose of this appointment is to allow the teacher(s) to discuss the next steps for learning to help support an improvement in attainment within that subject area.

If your child has received a grade C or above, you will NOT be able to see that class teacher on this occasion.

We are pleased however to remind you that the full S4 parents meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd February where you will be able to meet with all of your young person's teachers at this point.

WHAT WORKSHOPS ARE RUNNING FOR ME TO ATTEND?

During the course of the evening a workshop will be delivered by the Pastoral Care Team which focuses on study skills and homework completion in S4. We would like to invite both you and your young person to this workshop that evening. Times of the workshops will be emailed out in advance so that you can decide which time works best around your booked appointments. We would strongly encourage you to attend this workshop as we will give some key advice and tips for families which will hopefully help to support your child with the subject(s) that they are facing some challenges with.

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HOW ARE APPOINTMENTS MADE?

Please visit <https://parents-booking.co.uk/hyndlandsecondary> to open the booking site, enter some details about you and your young person and use the system to make appointments with the teacher(s) that have asked to see you on that evening.

The booking system is now live to make appointments. A more detailed “how-to-guide” is available on the school website for you to refer to – this can be found under the ‘our school section’ and ‘parents meetings’ sub-section or via the following link:

<http://www.hyndland-sec.glasgow.sch.uk/Calendar/Calendar.aspx?SectionId=59173b0a-b09d-4b7c-a680-8c1828a3f6ba>

WHERE DO PARENTS/CARERS START OFF?

You will be met at the main door at the Lauderdale Building and invited to sign in. If required, directions will be given to your first appointment.

HOW LONG DO PARENTS HAVE WITH EACH TEACHER?

Five minutes. This is not very long, especially if matters of concern arise. However we wish to hold as many interviews as possible in the limited time available. We ask that teachers and parents are as strict as possible in sticking to the timetable.

Should a further interview be required, arrangements for this can be made with Pastoral Care.

WHERE ARE THE INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS HELD?

Two or three teachers are allocated to each classroom in the Lauderdale building. This is done in order to provide adequate privacy, and at the same time, to keep travelling distances between appointments to a minimum! You are provided with a list of teachers and rooms, and teachers’ names are posted outside the appropriate room.

CAN PARENTS/CARERS BRING THEIR CHILDREN?

Yes, if the parents so wish. However, in that case, you are asked to ensure that he/she remains under your supervision.

WILL THERE BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR CHILD’S PASTORAL CARE TEACHER?

Similar to the appointments with class teacher(s), we will be targeting these to particular young people. If you are being asked to attend an appointment, this will appear on the booking system. Remember, if you are not targeted for this appointment, you will have an opportunity to meet them in February.

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OTHER WORKSHOPS RUNNING FOR FAMILIES

A series of workshops will run during the evening for young people and families to attend if they wish. There is no requirement to book these in advance and when you arrive on the evening, you will be given the times and locations of these to attend if you so wish. The workshops which will run are as follows:

- S6 students sharing their advice on being successful in the senior phase and exams.
- Careers Advice – how we support young people with college, University and Apprenticeship applications
- Supporting your young person with exam stress.

We look forward to seeing you in school on Thursday 1st December. If you have any matters which you wish to clarify before this date please do not hesitate to contact your young person's Pastoral Care teacher in the first instance.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

L Edgerton – Head Teacher

