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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you about the process for your child choosing their subjects at this critical point in planning their learning journey, from S2 into S3. There are various resources which will be uploaded on to our school website and the S2 Year Group Team on Microsoft Teams which pupils can access, including:

- Options form
- BGE Subject Information and Pathways booklet
- Skills Development Scotland resources and useful links to informative websites such as www.myworldofwork.com and www.focuspoint.com

I would encourage that conversations take place with your child regarding choosing the most relevant subjects for their future using the resources available to them, in particular our BGE Subject Information and Pathways booklet. This booklet is designed to help students decide on a course of study for S3, the final year of the Broad General Education (BGE).

Please note important information in this process:

- *Tracking Reports* – these will be updated and sent out to Parents and Carers to review ahead of Parents Evening. Attendance statistics will also be attached with Tracking Reports.
- *Parents Evening* – this will take place on **Monday 5th February 4pm – 6:30pm in the Assembly Hall.**
- *Subject Choices Information workshop* – there will be the opportunity to attend a short information session on Subject Choices and the S3 curriculum in the school library during our Parents Evening. This will be delivered by Mr Cassidy DHT and our colleagues from Skills Development Scotland.
- *Final Subject choices* – **to be completed by 9th February.**

In addition to receiving feedback from class teachers, your child's Pupil Support teacher and our Careers Advisers will arrange meetings with pupils to ensure that they are offered the correct support and guidance in this process and to finalise subject choices for S3.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you would like to discuss this process in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's Pupil Support teacher.

Yours faithfully,

P Cassidy

Mr. P. Cassidy
Depute Head Teacher (S2 / S3)

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S2 → S3

SUBJECT CHOICES

PREPARATION

During December and January, S2 PSHE lessons will focus on preparing for option choices.



ONGOING ADVICE

Advice will be offered in the form of 1:1 interviews with Careers Advisers and Pupil Support teachers.



TRACKING REPORT

Tracking reports will be issued at the **start of February**. This will provide updated information on progress across all subjects ahead of Parents Evening.



PARENTS EVENING

Class teachers will provide specific feedback on progress in each subject at Parents Evening on **Monday 5th February**.



FINALISED SUBJECT CHOICES

Final option choices will be made, signed by parent and pupil and submitted to Pupil Support by **9th February**.



USEFUL RESOURCES:

WWW.MYWORLDOFWORK.CO.UK

WWW.FOCUSPOINT.ORG.UK

BGE OPTIONS BOOKLET (AVAILABLE ON JPA WEBSITE AND YEAR GROUP TEAM)

There will be subject choice workshops delivered by DHT / Careers Advisers at Parents Evening on **Monday 5th February 2024**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please contact your child's Pupil Support teacher if you have any queries.

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