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Head Teacher Mr D Owen

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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 that have been uploaded on to our school website and the S2 Year Group Team on Microsoft Teams which pupils can access, including:

• Options form

Yours faithfully,

- 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 at the **end of January.**
- Parents Evening this will take place on **Monday 6th February 4pm 6:30pm.**
- Subject Choices Information Session this will take place at Parents Evening. There will be two available slots. Please indicate which slot you will attend, returning the slip at the bottom of the page.
- Final Subject choices to be completed by 17th February.

Over the coming weeks, your child's Pupil Support teacher and our Careers Advisers will arrange a meeting to discuss subject choices to ensure that each pupil is offered the correct support and guidance in this process.

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 your child's Pupil Support teacher.

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

I will attend Parents Evening for my child _______ and will attend the Subject

Choice Information Session at the following time (please circle).

JOHN PAUL ACADEMY

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 <u>end of</u>
<u>January</u>. This will provide updated information on progress across all subjects.



PARENTS EVENING

Class teachers will provide specific feedback on progress in each subject at Parents Evening on Monday 6th February.



FINALISED SUBJECT CHOICES

Final option choices will be made, signed by parent and pupil and submitted to Pupil Support by 17th 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 6th February.

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