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S3→S4 Course Choice for Session 2022/23

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Rector: Judith Wight

Dear S3 Parent/Carer,

S3 Pupils are now asked to choose their subjects for study in S4. Pupils have been covering the choice process with their Guidance Teacher in PSHE lessons. Stuart Clark from Skills Development Scotland has presented to pupils and is available for advice. Subject staff will be outlining courses available in their departments and answering questions about course content. Pupils have the opportunity to gain qualifications in 6 subjects at National level including English and Mathematics/ Applications of Mathematics.

You will have opportunity to discuss with staff at online Parents' evening on Wednesday 19th January. You should have received your son/daughters' report in November, which outlines progress to date. The S4 Curriculum Guide is available on the school website - Information>Useful Documents and in year group Teams, it details each course available and useful information regarding course content and progression. A wide variety of courses are available, including some wider achievement courses which are not currently taught in S3.

It is important that you discuss with your young person the course content before making final decisions about subject choice. We ask that pupils take time to consider their options and use the **My Word of Work** website to support their planning. Parents can use the website's Parents and Carers section, full of useful information and advice. The online choice form will be made available for students to make their choices for S4, securely via Year Group Teams and the Glow desktop. The form itself can be used as a resource as it contains many helpful links.

Choices should be submitted on the online Microsoft Form by Monday 24th January. Students with transition meetings arranged with Guidance staff and Mrs Walker do not need to submit until after their meeting. Processing of options takes time, once all year groups have submitted their choice, I will be able to give information regarding classes to the Guidance Team.

Please take time to go through the available options and discuss with your son/daughter, if they require further support you can contact your child's Guidance teacher or myself for additional advice.

Yours faithfully,

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