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Course Choice for Session 2023/24

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Rector: Judith Wight

Pupils are now asked to choose their subjects for study in S5&6. Pupils will be covering 'Post 16 Options' with their Guidance Teacher in PSHE lessons, and have received information about the subject choice process. Subject staff will be outlining courses available in their departments and answering questions about course content. Pupils have been issued a paper form where they can discuss their choices with subject staff and staff will indicate agreement with their signature. You will be receiving your son/ daughter's progress report at the end of this month.

You are invited to attend a presentation on the choice process on **Tuesday 21st February at 4.45pm in the Learning Plaza**, a copy of which is available on the [school website](#). We are delighted to welcome Kirsty MacKay from RGU hub to speak to us. The S5/6 Curriculum Guide is available on the school website 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 S4. We now offer 4 Foundation Apprenticeships which offer teaching in school alongside work-based learning in a weekly work placement. Our pupils have gained hugely from this experience.

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 World of Work website to support their planning. Further information on Foundation Apprenticeships, College and University entrance can be found via the FAQs helpful links document. The online choice form will be made available for students to make their choices for S5&6, securely via Year Group Teams and 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 Friday 3rd March. Students with transition meetings arranged with Guidance staff and Mr Coe 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 presentation 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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