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S2→S3 Course Choice for Session 2024/25

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Dear S2 Parent/Carer,

Rector: Judith Wight

S2 Pupils are beginning the process of choosing their subjects for study in S3. This is the first step towards Personalisation and Choice for pupils' as they move towards the end of the Broad General Education. Pupils will continue with English and Maths then choose 7 subjects which must cover each of the Curricular Areas – Language, Science, Social Studies, Expressive Arts and Technologies. S3 Pupils will be covering the choice process with their Guidance Teacher in PSHE lessons, attend a Subject Choice assembly and will bring home a lilac sheet with available options. Subject staff will be outlining courses available in their departments and answering questions about course content.

You have received your son/daughters' report in December, which outlines progress to date. You are invited to attend a Pathways Presentation on the course choice process on **Tuesday 23rd January 6.15pm in the Learning Plaza**. The S3 Curriculum Guide will be available on the [school website](#) and Year Group Teams. It details each course available and useful information regarding course content and progression. A wide variety of courses are available, some which are not currently taught in S2, including Practical Cookery in the Home Economics department.

It is important that you discuss with your son/daughter 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. The online choice form will be made available for students to make their choices for S3, securely via Year Group Team 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 after Parents Evening on Tuesday 6th February and **before the deadline of Friday 9th February 2024**. Processing of options takes time, and 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 information with your young person, if they require further support you can contact your child's Guidance teacher or myself for additional advice.

Yours faithfully,

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Enc: FAQs