



Education Resources
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Dear Parent/Carer,

S4 course choice

S4 course choice forms were to all S3 students today at assembly. Pupil Support Teachers will meet with all S3 students over the next few weeks to discuss their options for 2020-21 and assist with career planning.

Students are asked to indicate on their course choice form when they intend to leave school to help plan their learner pathway. Those who are 16 before 30th September 2021 can choose to leave school after their exams in May 2021. Students who are 16 on or between 1st October 2021 and the end of February 2022 must return to school until at least Christmas 2021. Those who are considering leaving school in 2021 are encouraged to meet with our careers adviser, who can provide guidance with applications to college and job vacancies. Some school leavers may also benefit from the support of our Aspire team in their final term, who can provide a bespoke programme to support a young person into a positive post school destination. Further information on the Aspire programme can be found in 'My Brighter Future' at <https://tinyurl.com/y87eba4b>

All S4 students study English, Maths and five other subjects. These should be numbered on their course choice form in order of preference, 1 being the subject that the student needs the most. Students are also asked for an additional 6th choice in case one of their options is not available. All subjects are offered subject to student uptake and staffing resources. The appropriate level of study should be identified in discussion with Pupil Support and subject departments. Further information about the courses offered can be found in our S4 course choice booklet on the school website (Curriculum > Course Choice booklets > S4 course choice booklet).

S4-S6 students also have the opportunity to study a one-year college course on Mondays through the GradU8 programme. In S5 and S6, they may wish to consider studying a two-year Foundation Apprenticeship course on two afternoons in S5 and one day per week in S6. Students who are embarking on a Foundation Apprenticeship course should be planning to return to school for both S5 and S6. Further information about the Foundation Apprenticeship and college courses can also be found in 'My Brighter Future' at the web address above or on the Skills Development Scotland Foundation Apprenticeship website at: <https://www.apprenticeships.scot/about/>

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Course choice forms should be returned to Tutor Teachers by **Friday, 24th January 2020**. Forms should only be returned once pupils have discussed their options with their Pupil Support Teacher.

As you should be aware, the S3 Parents' Evening takes place on Tuesday, 14 January 2020 from 4.30pm until 6.30pm. A short presentation offering information and advice for parents regarding the process of pupils' selecting options for S4 will take place at 4.15 pm and 6.15 pm in the school library and will last approximately 15 minutes, to which you are invited.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Lee".

Barbara Lee
Depute Head Teacher