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Dear Parent/Carer,

S3 Curriculum

In December 2019, we reviewed our S3 curriculum, in line with the refreshed narrative for Curriculum for Excellence (https://scotlandscurriculum.scot/4/) and the changes that we made to our Senior Phase curriculum following extensive consultation earlier in the year. In particular, it was necessary for us to ensure that our pupils' entitlement to study Modern Languages until the end of S3 was fully met. As such, it was necessary to review our current curriculum structure and invite feedback from pupils, parents, staff and partners.

Following the period of consultation, all responses were reviewed and the structure shown in Figure 1 (below) has been agreed. This allows all S3 students to study all eight curricular areas until the end of S3, whilst also providing opportunity for personalisation and choice. Masterclasses will provide students with an opportunity to develop skills for learning, life and work, including Modern Languages (on a rotational basis) if a student does not choose at least one Modern Language within their option choices. Further information will be provided once option choices have been confirmed.

Figure 1: S3 Curriculum Structure

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	English				Mathematics			Soc	Social Studies			Science			Expressive Arts			Technology			Free Choice 1			Free Choice 2			Masterclasses		F	E	RE	π	

Please note: on this diagram, TT represents the time given to Tutor Time.

Course choice forms will be issued at assembly in the week beginning 20th January to current S2 students and should be returned by Friday, 14th February 2020. There will be an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers to discuss course choice at Parents' Evening on Thursday, 30th January 2020.

Please let me know if you would like further information or if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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