



Education Resources
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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well. Thank you for everything that you are doing to support your child whilst they are learning at home.

S6 course choice

Over the next three weeks, we would like to ask all S5 students to consider their intended learner and career pathway, including their course choices for S6. Advice will be given at assembly, by Pupil Support Teachers and in PSE classes to support course choice. Students are then asked to select their course choices by completing a Google form, which can be found at: <https://forms.gle/hbBSLuAeuaJEzLMb8> . The questions contained on the Google form are shown on the S6 Course Choice form, which is enclosed as an attachment.

Students are asked to indicate on the Google form when they intend to leave school to help plan their learner and career pathway. Students are encouraged to meet with our careers adviser, Adele Duffy, 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/y56bsb6y>

All S6 students can study up to seven subjects of their choice, depending on the level of study selected. National subjects are timetabled for four periods per week; Higher subjects are timetabled for six periods per week; Advanced Higher subjects have a mixture of taught and study periods and may be delivered through consortia arrangements with other schools. Therefore, a student could select five Higher or Advanced Higher subjects, or seven National subjects or a mixture of National, Higher and Advanced Higher courses. All S6 students are also asked to select at least one Wider Achievement course. All subjects are offered subject to student uptake and staffing resources. Further information about the courses offered can be found in our S5 and S6 course choice booklet on the school website (Pupils> Course Choice booklets > S5 and S6 course choice booklet).

S4-S6 students also have the opportunity to study a one-year college course on Mondays through the GradU8 programme. In S6, they may wish to consider studying a one-year Foundation Apprenticeship course or could be completing the second year of a Foundation Apprenticeship

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course undertaken in S5. 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/>

Pupils are asked to complete the Google form indicating their course choices by **Friday, 12th February 2021**.

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
Acting Head Teacher