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Dear S2 parent/carer and learner

As you will be aware, we have been sharing information with our S2 learners via year group assemblies and the S2 year group team since January regarding the S2 into S3 course choice process.

Over the past three weeks, and continuing, our Careers Advisor, Vanessa Kokota, is carrying out individual interviews with all S2 learners to help them explore the wide range of career opportunities available when they leave school.

The next stage of the course choice process is to hold individual interviews between each S2 learner and their Pastoral Care Teacher to complete their S3 subject selection. This will allow senior leaders in the school to plan the timetable for next session.

Whilst we understand that our S2 learners have not been able to truly experience each subject area as fully as normal due to the school closure from January to March, we feel that by moving forward with the options process, it will help our S2 learners to sharpen their focus and help support the personalisation of their course choices moving forward.

Please find below some key information regarding how we will complete the option choice process between now and the 1<sup>st</sup> April;

- All S2 students will be interviewed by their Pastoral Care Teacher each young person should look at the S2 year group team for the time and date of their appointment – these will be held face-to-face in the school in the Pastoral Care base. It is vital that every young person attends at their scheduled time.
- An option form is attached for families to look at in advance of their individual interview.
   Young people should select one subject from each curricular area and then select an additional two subjects from the (free choice) box. Please take time as a family to look at this ahead of your child's interview.
- At the interview, each S2 learner will complete an electronic form this will then be emailed home to families after the interviews (within 7-10 days) for families to check for accuracy.







Class 2R

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## Dates of Pastoral Care and S2 learner interviews – Individual times are posted on the S2 year group team

•	Class 2K1	A-Mc Surname – Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
		Mc-Z Surname – Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
•	Class 2K2	Wednesday 31st March
•	Class 2L1	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
•	Class 2L2	A-Mi Surname – Wednesday 31st March
		Mo-Z Surname – Thursday 1st April
•	Class 2T	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March

Monday 29th March

## What should my child consider when they are choosing their subjects for S3?

- We would strongly recommend that families look at the predicted levels of attainment which were previously emailed home to families this stated whether your child would be capable or likely to work at National 4 or National 5 level by using this information, it will allow young people to select their strongest subjects in S3.
- How they have engaged during the school closure? This is a really important question to consider – if a young person has not engaged well or at all during the school closure from January to March it may indicate they are not enjoying the subject meaning it may not be the best option to select for S3.
- Have they read the course descriptors and listened to presentations by the Principal Teachers of each department? These have been shared with S2 learners in the S2 year group team and can be accessed on the young person's iPad. It is really important that young people have looked at what will be studied in S3 and S4.
- Their discussion with Vanessa Kokota regarding career plans and future planning if they have a chosen career in mind, it is important to consider this when choosing subjects.

In normal circumstances, we would have extended an invitation to parents to be part of the interview process, unfortunately due to current restrictions, the interview will only your young person, but you will receive an electronic copy of their subject selections for you to check for accuracy.



