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S3 Options 2021-22

At this time of year in school we are planning for next session and asking young people to submit choices for the courses they will study for S3, the final year of their Broad General Education (BGE). This is an important choice because it determines the subjects that young people will study for their National Qualifications in S4 and beyond.

In S3, learners have the opportunity to make choices from across the curriculum areas of the BGE. In addition to studying English, French, Mathematics, PE, RME and PSE, they are given the chance to explore 6 more discrete and specialist subjects from the curricular areas of Science, Social Studies, Expressive Arts and Technologies.

In S4, learners progress into the Senior Phase. Building exclusively on learning from S3, pupils continue with English, Mathematics and 4 of their specialist subjects. Young people are encouraged to choose subjects in S3 that will enable them to experience enjoyment, challenge and success, allowing them to study and progress in qualifications to the highest level of which they are capable.

To assist families in making decisions about the most appropriate path for young people, there are a number of resources and available supports:

- A course choice information evening is taking place on Monday 8 March at 6.30pm. <https://tinyurl.com/BA-S2CCInfo>
- Information about each S3 course is found in the Course Choice section of the school website [Curriculum and Course Choice — Baldragon Academy \(ea.dundee.gov.uk\)](http://Curriculum and Course Choice — Baldragon Academy (ea.dundee.gov.uk))
- My World of Work is an invaluable resource for young people and for parents and carers, linking subject choice to further/higher education pathways and future careers. www.myworldofwork.co.uk

You will be acutely aware that we are at present working remotely for learning and teaching and we must ask young people to let us know their option choices for next year online too.

Although subject choices are to be submitted online, the option choice sheet for your child is attached to this email. Please ensure you read the course choice rules carefully and use this as a working document to write on/highlight the various options open to your child before transferring the information into the online form for final submission. **The online form must be completed by all young people currently in S2** and can be accessed using this link www.tinyurl.com/BaldragonCCBGE

Guidance teachers are available to support the process and can be contacted through the relevant email address below. They may also contact pupils after choices have been made to discuss and confirm options, and you may contact them now if you wish further advice.

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Yours sincerely

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If you have trouble understanding English please contact the address below

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Jeżeli masz trudności w zrozumieniu języka angielskiego, skontaktuj się na poniżej podany adres:

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