



18 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

S3 to S4 Course Choice

Thank you to all our parents who joined our S3 into S4 Course Choice Information Session on Tuesday 17 January. I do hope you found the information session helpful, and you are better informed to support your child's S3 to S4 course choice. A copy of the presentation can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/S3S4CourseChoicePresentation>.

If you did not make it to our information session, then please ensure you visit our digital dashboard. Our digital dashboard can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/S3S4CourseChoiceDashBoard>.

We are currently finalising this area of our website for 2023. However, a full suite of helpful and relevant information can still be found in last year's site: <https://tinyurl.com/CourseChoicePadlet>.

Here you will find all the information you need to help inform your child's course choice. There is very helpful information about all the courses available at Baldragon Academy, college options at Dundee and Angus College, the Senior Phase of Curriculum for Excellence and the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework, as well as helpful supports from Skills Development Scotland and Dundee City Council.

The S3 to S4 course choice booklet can be found on the dashboard, as can the course choice form. Your child's course choice form is a digital Microsoft Form. The form will open for completion at 9am on Monday 23 January and close at 11pm on Sunday 5 February.

When discussing and completing the course choice process with your child, please ensure you adhere to the following:

- Plan S4 choices by considering how your child will progress their current subjects from S3.
- **Your child's S4 choices must be based on the subjects they have studied in S3.**
- Please ensure you both read the school and college course choice booklets.
- **Choose school-based subjects in all columns. Then, if your child is interested in college, think carefully about how a college option may impact their pathway through school and into further or higher education or a career. There may not be progression beyond S4 and may limit your child's progression through school. College options will be discussed and agreed with your child's guidance teacher during their course choice interview.**
- English, Mathematics, Core PE, SE and RME are mandatory subjects in S4 for everyone. Your child must do these.
- Make a choice in each column C to F. You must also make a reserve choice in each column.
- All of your child's choices, including reserves, must be based on those studied in S3.

I do hope this information, along with our digital dashboard, makes the process for you and your child straight forward and helpful.

Should you have any questions about the S3 into S4 course choice process, then please contact your child's guidance teacher.

Yours faithfully,

Mr H McAninch
Headteacher