



10 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

S3 to S4 Course Choice and Information

Thank you to all our parents who joined our S3 into S4 Course Choice Information Session on Tuesday 9 January 2024. 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: <http://tinyurl.com/yckkj559>.

If you did not make it to our information session, then please ensure you look through the presentation and visit the Course Choice area of our school website: <http://tinyurl.com/S3-S4CCResources>.

On our website, you will find all the information you need to help inform your child's course choice for S4, and beyond.

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 our website too.

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

- Plan your senior phase by considering how you will progress your subjects from S3.
- You must base your S4 choices on the subjects you studied in S3.
- English, Mathematics, Core PE, SE and RME are mandatory subjects in S4 for everyone. You must do these.
- Make 4 other choices for qualification in S4.
- We will do our best to meet all of your first choices, however we cannot make any guarantees. All courses are subject to staffing and pupil uptake/demand.
- College courses are studied at Dundee & Angus College at either Kingsway or Gardyne Campus on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon and/or a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.
- Consider how you will make progress from S4 choices into S5/6.
- Think about a college option may impact on your pathway in school, college, or a career.
- Choosing a college option may limit your progression in school.
- Information about all courses can be found in the course choice booklet and the School/College Programmes Booklets.

I do hope this information, makes the process for you and your child straight forward and helpful.

From Thursday 11 January 2024, your child's guidance teacher will start working with your child and in partnership with you, help them to complete their S4 choices. It is anticipated that this process will be completed by 26 January 2024.

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

Yours faithfully,

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Headteacher