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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 Wednesday 12 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:

www.drive.google.com/file/d/1q7STrBnER00PUdU2iWvJqSyyOuF5oHOg/view

If you did not make it to our information session, then please ensure you visit our new digital pin board.

Our digital pin board can be found here: www.tinyurl.com/BA-S3S4-CourseChoiceDashboard.

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 pin board as can the course choice form. Your child's course choice form is a digital Microsoft Form. This must be completed and submitted online by Friday 28 January 2022.

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.
- You must base your S4 choices on the subjects you studied in S3.
- Please ensure you both read the school and college course choice booklets.
- Consider how your child will make progress from their S4 choices into S5/6 by using the 'S3 into S4 Course Choice by Column' document. This can be found on the digital pin board.
- Think about how any college options will impact your child's pathway in school, college or career. **There may not be progression beyond S4 and may limit your child's progression in school.**
- 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 new digital pin board, 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,

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