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Dear Parent/Carer

S4 to S5/S5 to S6 Additional Course Choice Information for Parents

Further to my letter to you outlining the 'course choice process' (now called Progression Pathways) for your child and building on our parents' information session (25 February 2025), please see below additional information and reference to resources that will better help inform your discussions at home.

Progression Pathways

This resource outlines the Progression Pathways available to your child within each subject area. When making their Progression Pathways choices, it is important that your child builds on their current learning. They do this by continuing with a subject and working at the next level. Alternatively, if your child has exhausted their learning at the most appropriate level, they can choose an alternative subject, but this must be within the same subject area.

- *For example, a pupil in S4 has been studying Business at Level 4. In S5 they have progressed to Business Management at Level 5. In S6, they do not want to progress to Business Management at Level 6 (Higher) but they can progress to Business and Information Technology NPA Level 6. This would be an appropriate pathway.*
- *'Crashing', or choosing a subject for the first time, is not an appropriate pathway.*

The Progression Pathway resource can be found here: www.tinyurl.com/CourseChoicePathways.

Course Choice Meeting

Based on your child's current learning, Principal Teachers (subject) have prepared progression pathways for your child. These have been shared with your child's Guidance Teacher and will be used as part of the Progression Pathways meetings that have been planned for and shared with you, along with your invite to join the meeting via telephone.

This part of the process is to identify your child's best learning pathway, and best options, through their senior phase. A copy of their pathways and options will be shared with you for your final approval. It is intended that this process will be completed by Monday 10 March 2025.

Course Choice Resources

Click here to access the Progression Pathways resource: www.tinyurl.com/CourseChoicePathways.

A full suite of course descriptors, based on the Progression Pathways, can be found here:

- www.tinyurl.com/N5Descriptors
- www.tinyurl.com/HigherDescriptors

You will also find lots of other very helpful resources to support your child on our dedicated course choice pages on our school website: www.tinyurl.com/Course-Choice-Baldragon

Yours sincerely,

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