



23 February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

S4 to S5/S5 to S6 Course Choice and Information

Thank you to all our parents who joined our S4 to S5/S5 to S6 Course Choice Information Session on Thursday 15 February 2024. I do hope you found the information session helpful, and you are better informed to support your child's course choice. A copy of the presentation can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/2tyahtjc>.

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/yz8t2vc9>.

On our website, 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 course choice booklets and course descriptors 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:

S4 to S5 Course Choice rules

- S5 subjects must be based on S4 learning.
- 5 course choices need to be made.
- Pupils cannot 'crash' subjects in S5. Repeating or upgrading courses in S5 should be avoided.
- Pupils can choose college as an option.
- Consider how these choices then relate to S6 and further progression.
- Choices are about a continuation of the learning journey.
- Core PE, RE and PSE are compulsory subjects in S5 for all.

S5 to S6 Course Choice rules

- If you choose 3 Highers or less, you must study 5 subjects.
- If you choose 4 Highers, you may leave one column blank for supervised study.
- If you choose 1 or 2 Advanced Higher and any other levels, you may leave one column blank for supervised study.
- If you choose 3 Advanced Highers, you may leave two columns blank for supervised study.
- Pupils can choose college as an option.
- PE, RE and PSE are elective – giving choice and flexibility.

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

Shortly, your child's guidance teacher will start working with your child and in partnership with you, help them to complete their S5 or S6 choices. It is anticipated that this process will be completed by 15 March 2024.

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

Yours faithfully,

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