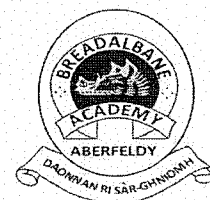
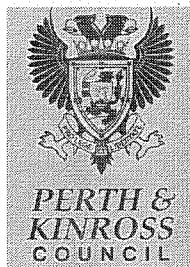


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Dear Parent/Carer

S2 into S3 Course Choice

During Personal and Social Education lessons this week the options process begins for pupils moving from S2 into S3. This is the process that allows pupils to personalise their curriculum as they progress into S3 and then enter the 'Senior Phase' of their education.

Here at Breadalbane Academy, we ensure that all young people continue to follow a Broad General Education and experience progression in their learning in all of the broad curricular areas in S1 through to S3. Pupils begin to narrow the number of discrete subjects that they study as they move into S3 whilst retaining their 8 core curricular areas. We also provide opportunities for pupils to develop wider achievement through non-core Masterclasses.

To help you to make sense of this course choice process we have created a course choice booklet which includes descriptors of all the courses we are offering across our curriculum in S3. This can be found on our school website, Twitter and Facebook pages but if you are unable to access it through these methods then please contact the school office for a paper copy. Pupils have had the opportunity to look through this booklet and ask questions in PSE lessons this week.

The course choice form has also been issued to pupils in PSE and discussions have been held regarding the key dates below;

December 2017 - January 2018	Lessons delivered in PSE to provide support and assistance to pupils. Input provided from SDS Careers Advisor and pupils introduced to "My World of Work" website.
22 nd January 2018	Course choice form and parental letter issued to pupils. Course choice booklet made available on school website, Facebook and Twitter pages.
22 nd - 2 nd Feb	All pupils seen by Guidance Teacher for 1 to 1 appointment.
29 th and 30 th January 2018	Guidance Teachers available for parental meetings. Appointments can be made via school office.
31 st January 2018	Careers Fair attended by all S2 pupils
12th February 2018	Final deadline for all course choice forms to be returned to school.
8 th May 2018	New S3 timetable begins.

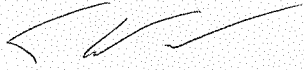


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In order to support both pupils and parents/carers through the process, there is the opportunity for a parental meeting to be held with you, your son/daughter and their Guidance Teacher to discuss any aspect of the option process and to confirm choices made. These meetings are available on Monday the 29th and Tuesday 30th January and can be arranged by calling the school office in advance.

Yours faithfully



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Depute Head Teacher