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Senior Phase Course Choice

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are now commencing the process of course choice for S3, S4 and S5 pupils at Breadalbane Academy, and S4 pupils at Pitlochry High School for session 2022 - 2023. The first phase of this process will take place over the next three to four weeks. During this time, pupils will discuss with subject teachers and guidance staff courses they would be interested in studying next session. All pupils will submit an informed choice of courses they would like to study next year. This will be completed using Microsoft Forms and will provide us with a good indication of course uptake and popular subject combinations for next year.

We will use this information to make well-informed decisions when creating the final option choice form for pupils to select course choices. It is therefore important that the information from the first phase of course choice is as accurate as possible to ensure most pupils can access their preferred options next session. The final subject option form will be issued to all pupils on 24th February with a submission deadline of **Friday 11th March**.

To support this process, the senior course option choice booklet has been updated and contains detailed descriptions of all courses potentially available to study at Breadalbane Academy. This booklet can be found within the "secondary-course choice" section of the school website (<https://www.breadalbane.pkc.sch.uk/secondary/course-choice/>). A copy has also been attached to this letter.

S3-S5 Options Information Session, Wednesday 2nd February 2022 (Virtual)

All S3 – S5 parents of Breadalbane Academy and S4 parents of Pitlochry High School are invited to attend a **course choice information event hosted by senior managers and support staff between 5:30pm and 6:15 pm on Wednesday 2nd February 2022**. This will involve a short presentation followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion and will provide parents with information on the school's course choice process and curriculum offer.



Pupils are also free to attend. The meeting can be accessed on Microsoft teams through the following link:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

This will be followed by a presentation for parents of S4 Pitlochry pupils (using the same link) and an opportunity to ask questions about the transition programme.

The key dates in the senior course choice timeline for Breadalbane Academy and Pitlochry High school are:

Key dates	Activity
24/01/22 – 18/02/22	Senior Course Choice Information available to pupils and parents (booklet emailed and via website). Discussions in school with subject and guidance teachers. Schedule of virtual subject presentations from Breadalbane Academy teachers to S4 pupils at Pitlochry High School.
02/02/22	Senior course Choice Information Evening for all pupils and parents (virtual).
24/02/22 – 11/03/22	Final S3-5 option choice form distributed to all pupils. Course choice discussions / interviews with pupils and guidance teachers. Virtual course choice interviews with parents as required.
11/03/22	S3, S4 and S5 option choice <u>deadline</u> . Pupils submit <u>paper form</u> using the agreed choices from guidance interviews.
25/03/22	Confirm all course choices with S3-S5 pupils.

If you would like any further information at this time, please contact either Breadalbane Academy or Pitlochry High School in the usual way.

Yours faithfully

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