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Dear Parent/Carer

Senior Phase Course Choice

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 2023 - 2024. 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. The deadline for completing this initial choice of courses is **Friday 10th February.**

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 from will be issued to all pupils on Thursday 23rd February with a submission deadline of **Friday 10th 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.

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

Key dates	Activity
16/01/23 – 10/02/23	**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.**
26/01/23	**Careers Fayre and Senior Course Choice Information Evening for all pupils and parents from Breadalbane Academy and Pitlochry High School (Held in Breadalbane)** **Tour of the school from 5-6pm for parents/pupils from Pitlochry High School** **Senior Course choice evening in the assembly hall 6-7pm**

23/02/23 – 10/03/23	**Final S3-5 option choice form distributed to all pupils. Course choice discussions / interviews with pupils and guidance teachers. Course choice interviews with parents as required.**
03/03/23	**Pitlochry High School pupil visit to Breadalbane Academy to meet staff and visit departments.**
10/03/23	**S3, S4 and S5 option choice deadline. Pupils submit paper form using the agreed choices from guidance interviews.**
31/03/23	**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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