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Dear Parent/Carer

S2 into S3 Course Choice

We are now commencing the process of course choice for pupils in S2, which will be delivered through PSE lessons. Mr Davidson, Mrs Glover and Mrs Mowat will work with pupils and parents/carers during January to support this process. Pupils are asked to select eight core subjects to study in S3 from a variety of curricular areas, in addition to English and Mathematics. Two option masterclasses classes are also selected as part of the S3 curriculum. A copy of the 2023/24 course choice form is attached.

Although 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, e.g. sciences, technologies, expressive arts, there is a narrowing of the number of discrete subjects that young people study as they move into S3. As a result, the subject areas your child continues with next year may determine what opportunities are open to them later in life. Therefore, it is crucial that they take time to consider the different options carefully so that they can make choices that are right for them.

To support this process, the S3 course choice booklet has been updated and contains detailed descriptions of all courses available to study. This booklet and option choice form can be found within the "secondary-course choice" section of the Breadalbane Academy website and a copy of this booklet is also attached. All course choice information can be viewed using the following link

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/IBa3Gtlz9GYZeCX7?ref=Link>.

The deadline for S2 into S3 course choice is Friday 2nd February 2024. Pupils will submit their options to Guidance teachers using the course choice form. All pupils in S2 will be offered a 1:1 interview with Guidance teachers on Friday 26th January 2024. We cannot guarantee all courses will run and will depend on interest and uptake, particularly option masterclasses. When all information has been submitted, pupils will be asked to confirm or change some choices depending on which courses are running. We would hope to confirm all options by the end of February.

You can play an important part in supporting them as they come to a decision on their course choice. Please email us at breadalbane@pkc.gov.uk if you would like to request an appointment with your child's Guidance teacher to discuss course choice or broader pastoral concerns.

For Mhor and Schiehallion Houses, please request an appointment with Mr Davidson.
For Farragon and Lawers Houses, please request an appointment with Mrs Glover or Mrs Mowat.

If you would like any further information at this time, please contact school.

Yours faithfully

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