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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 2024 - 2025. This process will take place during January and February. During this time, pupils will discuss with subject teachers and guidance staff courses they would be interested in studying next session. All courses that could potentially run next session are listed on the **Senior Phase Option Form 2024**, which is attached. All senior options must be shared with Guidance Teachers for sign-off and submitted to school before **Friday 1st March 2024**. Please note our ability to run all subjects and levels will depend on several factors including minimum class sizes (based on uptake), and staff availability.

To support this process, all pupils will be given the opportunity to meet with Guidance staff for a 1:1 interview, which will take place during week beginning **19th February 2024** (see key dates below). In addition, Guidance staff will be available for parent/carers consultations at the Careers Fair being held at Breadalbane Academy on **Tuesday 6th February 2024** between **2pm and 5pm**. Information on senior course choice options and progression can be found using the following link <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/b8j0200ekHCDVByx?ref=Link>. The **senior phase course choice booklet** has been updated and contains detailed descriptions of all courses potentially available to study at Breadalbane Academy next session. A copy of this booklet is attached and should be referred when discussing options.

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

Key dates	Activity
22/01/24 – 13/02/24	Senior Course Choice Information available to pupils and parents. Discussions in school with subject and guidance teachers. Schedule of virtual subject presentations from Breadalbane Academy teachers to S4 pupils at Pitlochry High School.
6/02/24	Careers Fair and Senior Course Choice Information Evening held at Breadalbane Academy and open to all S3-5 Breadalbane and S4 Pitlochry pupils and parents/carers. Guidance teachers available for parental consultations between 2-5pm (open to parents from both schools).



20/02/24	Course choice interviews for S4 Pitlochry High School pupils with Guidance Teachers (takes place at Pitlochry High School)
21/02/24	Guidance interviews for S3 pupils at Breadalbane Academy
22/02/24	Guidance interviews for S4 pupils at Breadalbane Academy
23/02/24	Guidance interviews for S5 pupils at Breadalbane Academy
1/03/24	S3, S4 and S5 option choice <u>deadline</u> . Pupils submit <u>paper form</u> using the agreed choices from Guidance interviews.
6/03/24	Transition day for S4 Pitlochry High School pupils to visit Breadalbane Academy.

We hope to confirm all school-based courses with pupils by **Thursday 28th March 2024**. 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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