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Dear Parent/Carer

S2 into S3 Course Choice

We have now started the process of course choice for pupils in S2, which will be delivered through PSE lessons. Mr O'Donnell and Mrs Glover will work with pupils and parents/carers during January/February to support this process. Pupils are asked to select **seven core subjects** to study in S3 from a variety of curricular areas, in addition to English and Mathematics. A copy of the new S3 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 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. We have reduced the number of different subjects taken in S3 but have increased the time allocation they will receive. This will help to build strong foundations in subject knowledge, understanding and skills in S3, which should then lead to improved performance in National Qualifications taken in S4.

Based on the senior phase curriculum model, your child will continue with 5 out of the 7 subject areas as they progress from S3 into S4. As a result, the subject areas your child selects this year, and 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 Breadalbane Academy website has been updated and contains detailed descriptions of all courses available to study. This information can be found within the "secondary-course choice" section of the website using this link - Courses in S3 to S6 – Breadalbane Academy. Departments have produced ***Learner Pathways*** information to allow your child to look at different progression routes from S3 to S6.

The deadline for S2 into S3 course choice is **Tuesday 10th February 2026**. 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 prior to this deadline, which parent/carers can attend if they so choose. We cannot guarantee all courses will run and will depend on interest and uptake. 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 your child as they come to a decision on their course choice. There will be an opportunity for you to find out more about careers and speak with guidance staff at our Careers Fair, taking place on Thursday 5th February (2-4pm). This event is followed by an information session on senior course choice, which you can also attend.

Please email us at breadalbane@pkc.gov.uk if you would like to request an individual 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 O'Donnell.
For Farragon and Lawers Houses, please request an appointment with Mrs Glover.

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

Yours faithfully

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