



4 February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**Senior Phase Virtual Coursing Information Evening – Wednesday 9 February**

We are approaching the time of year when pupils review their curriculum and make decisions about their courses for next session. In order to allow you to make informed decisions with your child, I would like to invite you to the Virtual Coursing Information Evening to discuss the course choice process for pupils as they progress into S4, S5 or S6 next session.

The evening will take place on Wednesday 9 February and will start at 6.30pm with an overview of the course choice process and then you will have the opportunity to attend up to three information sessions with a targeted focus to allow you to find out more information about specific aspects of our curriculum. Each information session will run three times and you can find details of the information sessions on the next page. The format of our virtual event will be as follows:

6.30pm – 6.40pm	Introduction from the Headteacher
6.40pm – 6.55pm	Overview of the Course Choice Process and Key Information
7.00pm – 7.15pm	Information Session 1
7.20pm – 7.35pm	Information Session 2
7.40pm – 7.55pm	Information Session 3

This year, all pupils will have a one-to-one conversation with their Pupil Support Leader or their Year Head to complete their course choice. These conversations will take place during the following weeks:

Current S3 Pupils (making choices for S4)	Monday 21 February – Friday 4 March
Current S4 Pupils (making choices for S5)	Monday 7 March – Friday 25 March
Current S5 Pupils (making choices for S6)	Monday 7 March – Friday 25 March

In order to support you and your child in the decision making process, we are currently creating a new area of our website which will give information about the pathways and options in every faculty with subject descriptors so that you can look at what is involved in each course. Details about where to find this information will be shared during the Coursing Information Evening next week.

I look forward to seeing you next week and if you have any questions in the meantime about this event then please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pupil Support teacher.

Yours sincerely

Colin Meikle  
Headteacher

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<b>A</b>	<u>Skills Development Scotland – Career Advisor support with Coursing</u> Skills Development Scotland offer a range of support to pupils online and in person from making the right course choice to fulfilling their potential in the career of their choosing. Hear more about the support on offer from Cat Burns and SDS during this session.	Catriona Burns (SDS Career’s Advisor)
<b>B</b>	<u>Course Choice Toolkit for Parents &amp; Carers</u> Would you like to know more about how to support your child in making the right course choice? Then join this session and hear more about our toolkit for parents.	Jordan Webster (Curriculum Leader – PE & Dance)
<b>C</b>	<u>School College Partnership 2022-23</u> Edinburgh College offer a wide range of courses which school pupils can complete two afternoons a week as part of their school timetable. This session will tell you more about the opportunities on offer and how to apply.	Louise Frew (Pupil Support Leader)
<b>D</b>	<u>JET Work Placement Programme</u> JET is a work based learning programme which gives learners the opportunity to complete a work placement and/or training programme whilst still attending school. Join this session to find out more!	Lauren Campbell (JET Coordinator) Moira-Anne Jack (Targeted Support Lead)
<b>E</b>	<u>SCQF Framework</u> Do you want to understand the vast range of qualifications offered by Craigmount High School? This session will take you through the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework and explain how the range of qualifications link together to form qualification pathways for learners.	Laura Savage (Pupil Support Leader)
<b>F</b>	<u>Wider Achievement</u> Every pupil in S5 and S6 will study one or more of our Wider Achievement options. This session will go through the range of opportunities on offer to not only enhance academic achievements but develop vital skills for learning, life and work.	Rikki Breach (Pupil Support Leader)
<b>G</b>	<u>Wellbeing vs Aspiration</u> Getting the right balance between performing well academically and looking after overall wellbeing is essential to a successful senior phase. Join this session to discover more about getting the balance right.	Polly Campbell & Mike Gray (Pupil Support Leaders)
<b>H</b>	<u>The S6 Experience</u> Staying on for S6 is about more than qualifications. During this session, we will share our high expectations of our S6, from their commitment to further study to developing their leadership capacity.	Ali Clark (Depute Head Teacher) & David Sansom (Pupil Support Leader)
<b>I</b>	<u>Coursing for pupils with Additional Support Needs</u> Course choice can be an anxious time for all pupils but particularly pupils with additional support needs who require some additional planned time. This session will offer advice on flexible pathways for pupils with additional support needs who need to plan a bespoke curriculum.	Leah Artesoglou (Curriculum Leader – Support for Learning)
<b>J</b>	<u>Faculty Question &amp; Answer Session – Maths, Science, Business &amp; Computing</u> Join this session for a chance to ask questions about the courses on offer in Maths, Science, Business & Computing.	Sara Hendrie Denise Blair Stephen Jamieson Kelly Sanders
<b>K</b>	<u>Faculty Question &amp; Answer Session – English, Modern Languages, Social Subjects</u> Join this session for a chance to ask questions about the courses on offer in English, Modern Languages, Social Subjects.	Andrew Jardine Charlotte McLaughlin Andrew Hutchinson
<b>L</b>	<u>Faculty Question &amp; Answer Session – Art &amp; CDT, FCT &amp; RMPS, PE &amp; Dance</u> Join this session for a chance to ask questions about the courses on offer in Art & CDT, FCT & RMPS, PE & Dance.	Ashley Kimber Daisy McLaren Craig Beattie

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 awareness  drive  aspiration  purpose  trust

