



25 February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

### **S3 Coursing Information Evening – Thursday 3 March**

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 from S2 into S3 next session.

The evening will take place on Thursday 3 March 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 between Monday 21 March and Friday 1 April.

In order to support you and your child in the decision making process, we have created a new area of our website which will give information about the options in every curricular area with subject descriptors so that you can look at what is involved in each course. You can find the information [here](#) and we will give you more information about it 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) David Sansom (Pupil Support Leader)
<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>S3 Year Head Question &amp; Answer Session</u> This workshop will provide the opportunity to speak with the S3 Year Head, Mrs Clark, and answer any questions you may have about your child’s S3 experience.	Alison Clark (Depute Headteacher) Louise Frew (Pupil Support Leader)
<b>D</b>	<u>Creative Minds and Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI)</u> Every pupil in S3 will study one of our Creative Minds options which culminate in participating in YPI. 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.	Richard Breach & Terry Gilliland (Pupil Support Leaders)
<b>E</b>	<u>Wellbeing vs Aspiration</u> Getting the right balance between performing well academically and looking after overall wellbeing is essential. Join this session to discover more about getting the balance right.	Mike Gray & Laura Savage (Pupil Support Leaders)
<b>F</b>	<u>Coursing for pupils with Additional Support Needs</u> This session will talk about support on offer for course choice and also with learning throughout S3 into S4 as well as attainment interventions which we have available to support pupils in fulfilling their potential.	Leah Artesoglou (Curriculum Leader – Support for Learning) Moir-Anne Jack (Targeted Support Leader)
<b>G</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
<b>H</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.	Joe Higgins Jude McKercher Robert Gray
<b>I</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 Amanda Woodhouse Craig Beattie

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 awareness
  drive
  aspiration
  purpose
  trust

