

Stewarton Academy

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Dear Parents/Carer,

**Option Choice Information Evening – Thursday 16th January 2025**

Soon your child/children will be selecting subject choices as they move into S3, S4 and S5/6. We are keen that parents/carers are fully involved in supporting children to select curricular pathways. Therefore, an in-person options information event has been organised for Thursday 16th January 2025.

This will take place in the school from 4:30pm – 7:15pm, with attendance staggered according to a young person’s year group. There are two parts to this event: the first involves staffed stalls & displays from each subject with the opportunity for young people & parents/carers to talk to representatives from different curricular areas. The second part will be presentations from a member of the senior leadership team on the options process. The schedule is listed below:

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|  | Current S2 |
|  | Event  | Location |
| 4:30pm – 5:15pm | Subject information stalls  | Canteen |
| 5:15pm – 5:45pm | Options presentation | Extension |
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|  | Current S3 |
|  | Event  | Location |
| 5:15pm – 6:00pm | Subject information stalls | Canteen |
| 6:00pm – 6:30pm | Options presentation | Extension |

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|  | Current S4 |
|  | Event  | Location |
| 6:00pm – 6:45pm | Subject information stalls | Canteen |
| 6:45pm – 7:15pm | Options presentation | Extension |

Members of our school prefect and captaincy team will escort parents/carers from the subject stalls to the presentation. Please enter and exit the school using the main entrance and sign in and out. An evaluation form will be available on paper and on-line and we would be grateful if you would take the time to let us know your views on the event.

In addition to this event, it is important to stress that young people will be supported in making option choices: pupils will look at curricular pathways in Personal and Social Education (PSE) classes where they also will have the chance to read through S2 – S3 and S3 – S4 subject information booklets. Copies of these documents will be available on the school website in January.

Parent and carer participation in helping children select options is crucial and we have made a number of modifications to the process to maximise this involvement. Options will open on Wednesday 5th February 2025 and will close on Friday 14th February 2025. Prior to this, pupils will complete a paper copy of their options form which must be signed by parent or carer. This form must be brought to an interview with their pupil support teacher who will then enter their choices. Detailed arrangements will be published closer to the time.

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Pupil support teacher’s details and allocations are listed below:

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| House | Pupil Support Teacher |
| Boyd | Mr. M. McCormack |
| Cunningham | Mr. I. Reid |
| Montgomery | Mrs. S. Beattie |
| Stewart | Mr. R. Morgan |

This message and all relevant materials have been shared by letter, school app, Microsoft Teams, school website and Twitter/X. To allow for planning of this event it would be most helpful if you could complete the on-line form to indicate if you are able to attend by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code

<https://forms.office.com/e/8XYkbhXjZ8>



I look forward to seeing you on the evening and supporting your child/children on their journey through Stewarton Academy.

Yours faithfully,



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