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Dear Parent/Carer

S2 Parents' Meeting - Thursday 6 February 2025 with DHT Options Presentation

This is an exciting time for your child as they look forward to making their options choices for S3 and S4. This letter contains important information about this process.

Our S2 Parents' Meeting will take place on Thursday 6 February 2025 from 4.30pm to 7.00pm. Appointments are made online using our Parents' Meeting Booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointments.

Appointments can be made from **Monday 27 January from 6.30pm** and will close on **Sunday 2 February at 11.55pm**.

Please visit <https://mearnscastle.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> or click on the link on the school website. Please be advised that in keeping with school policy only **one set of appointments per individual pupil is permitted** at our Parents' Meetings.

Login with the following information:
Student's First Name: "Known As"
Student's Surname: "Surname"
Student's Date of Birth: "Day/Month/Year"

There is also an opportunity for you to attend the S2 Options Presentation, which will take place in the School Theatre, from 4.00pm - 4.30pm and again at 7.00pm - 7.30pm. This presentation will be recorded and a link sent out to you if you are unable to attend.

The Bus Park and the laybys will be available for parking. You should enter by the front door that is situated at the Bus Park end of the school. Senior staff and pupils will be on hand to help you after you have registered at the front door, where a location map will be provided.

Please take a seat near the teacher, who will call for you when your appointment is due. We would ask that you help us and other parents by keeping to the allocated 5 minute appointment time. If a longer discussion is required it is better to arrange that for another occasion. As this is a busy event we would prefer that you do not bring your children. If this is not possible, please ensure that they remain with you at all times.



Teaching staff will be situated in the Open Area and ground and first floors of the extension. I would ask that any parent who has a disability, which may make movement between these areas difficult, to contact the school office by Tuesday 6 February to allow us to make appropriate arrangements.

S2 Options Choices Information

Following the Parents' Evening, an online option choice form will be made available for pupils to begin choosing the subjects that they wish to study in S3 and S4. In advance of this, you and your child should read through the Course Choice Booklet (which is available on the school website [here](#)) and your child's Parental Report.

Key dates in the S2 options Process:

Friday 31 January S2 Parental Reports available on Parent Portal

Thursday 6 February S2 Parents' Meeting with DHT Options Presentation

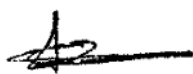
Thursday 6 February S2 Online options form opens

Tuesday 11 February S2 Online options form closes

Thursday 13 & Friday 14 February Option choice interviews conducted by ELM team

Skills Development Scotland have also produced a booklet that may be helpful in supporting your child make the best choices. The booklet has been uploaded to the [school website](#) alongside the options booklet.

Kind Regards



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