

Dear Student,

As you prepare to enter the next stage of your education in St. Luke's High School, it is important to reflect on your learning journey so far, from leaving primary school until now, and to look ahead to the next phase in your school career.

You have been working hard in all curricular areas of *Curriculum for Excellence* and have had opportunities to experience a wide range of exciting activities in and out of the classroom which have contributed to your academic successes, skills for learning, life and work, and personal achievements.

Third year marks an important milestone on your learning journey. While you continue to experience a broad general education, it is also the time when you will make significant decisions for your future educational pathways and career, by making choices about which subject areas within the curriculum you will specialise in over the next few years.

Throughout third year, you will continue to experience more personalisation and choice in what you study and begin to stretch your learning in preparation for the senior phase of education and prepare for the challenges of National Qualifications. In addition, you will continue to develop skills in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing, as you have been doing throughout your time at St. Luke's, and continue the excellent learning experiences gained through interdisciplinary learning that are a major feature of our school.

Key features of third year for pupils will be:

- developing learning experiences which stretch students and prepares them for the senior phase.
- monitoring closely the progress of each student, and engaging in individual dialogue to review and set targets in learning.
- encouraging students to enjoy their learning and their experiences in St. Luke's, to develop all of their attributes and capabilities and to help them in becoming more independent learners.
- recognising and celebrating what students have achieved, and will continue to achieve at St. Luke's.
- guiding students in completing their S3 profiles, which will reflect best learning outcomes to date and recognise their wide range of achievements.

As we move forward together, I want to assure you that all staff will continue to focus on your individual needs and with the help and support from parents, carers and other school partners, guide and support you through a successful third year and into the senior phase.

Best wishes for a successful future,

Patricia Scott, MBE  
Headteacher