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15/01/24

- Second Year into Third Year Minor Personalisation and Choice
- Final Selection of Options Information and Instructions

Dear Parent/ Carer of Sample Pupil 2G

Following the completion of our initial options scoping exercise we are pleased to be able to move on to our final selection process for pupils moving from S2 into S3.

The initial scoping exercise allows the school to capture a vital snapshot of the following:

- Demand for different subjects and desired combinations of subjects
- How well pupils understand the process and how well they are engaged in it
- Pupil voice relating to topical issues, frequently asked questions and parental queries

The options process is designed in stages deliberately, to allow the school to respond to pupil voice, and the information collected through the initial scoping exercise. At the time of writing 166 out of 180 learners have provided responses to the initial options scoping exercise.

As a result, the following changes have been made to the **Final Selection of Options** form:

| Curricular Area: | Difference in final form: | Rationale: |
|--|---|---|
| Modern Languages | Form simplified by way of reducing the languages section to a single question. The single question and possible responses now enable pupils to clearly indicate whether they wish to commence Spanish <i>in place of</i> their original language or <i>in addition</i> to it. | 13% or our S2 learners have asked for this to be made possible. |
| Physical Education (Elective Options) | The option 'PE (Performance Aesthetics) is no longer available for selection in the final form. | The indicated uptake for this option in the initial scoping exercise was not high enough to make a class viable. Additional elective PE will be available through PE (Performance Team Games). |
| Social Subjects | The option 'Philosophical Studies' is no longer available for selection in the final form. | As above, the indicated uptake for this option in the initial scoping exercise was not high enough to make a class viable. All pupils continue to access this curricular area through core provision. |

We place a high value in parents and families understanding, supporting and engaging with the options process to support their children. We therefore see it as essential to let you know how Sample responded during the initial











options scoping exercise. You can see Sample's responses to the different questions below as well as some feedback from the school:

| Question: | Sample's response (if made): |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Modern languages option: | No response as of 11.01.24 |
| Social Subjects Preference: | No response as of 11.01.24 |
| Creative & Performing Preference: | No response as of 11.01.24 |
| Technologies Subject: | No response as of 11.01.24 |
| Science Specialism: | No response as of 11.01.24 |
| Additional Choice #1 | No response as of 11.01.24 |
| Additional Choice #2 | No response as of 11.01.24 |
| Comment/Query from Sample: | |

| Staff comment or response (if | It is really important to complete the final form. If any help is | |
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| appropriate): | required, please contact your pastoral care teacher | |
| Feedback – was the form filled out | No response as of 11.01.24 | |
| successfully by Sample? | | |

We now move to the final selection of options for S3.

As before, you can directly access the school website page for this using the QR code to the right (using the school iPad or any smartphone or tablet):

As before with the scoping exercise, the <u>Final Selection of Options</u> is completed by pupils filling out an online form. The form is hosted on the school website page linked through the QR code. The link will also be available to pupils directly through Microsoft Teams.



In order to validate their form entries pupils must, while completing the form enter a unique identifying number. This number will also be useful in the future as it is also their Scottish Candidate Number – a number which will remain with each pupil throughout their educational journey.

| First Name | Surname | Unique Number |
|------------|---------|---------------|
| Sample | Pupil | 123456789 |

The deadline for completion of the Scoping Exercise is Sunday 28.01.24

If you or Sample has any issue accessing the online system, or you have any difficulty using ICT the school can provide assistance. If either you or Sample would like to discuss options choice further, the pastoral care team can facilitate any enquiry.

In order to provide parents with further information, and answer any questions you may have, we will host on online families information/ drop in session on the evening of Wednesday 17.01.24 6.30pm to 7.15pm. This will be accessible through Microsoft Teams, using either Sample's school iPad or 'Glow' login. Further information will be shared regarding this through email/the Expressions app.

Yours Faithfully,

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