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- **S3 into S4 Options Choice**
- **Scoping Exercise Information and Instructions**

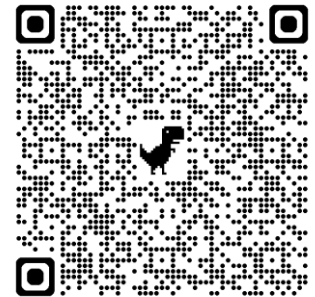
Dear Parent/ Carer of Sample Pupil 3G

Following on from our previous letter, issued by email Friday 21.11.25, we are writing to give further information regarding options choice for pupils in S3. In Hillhead High School we allow pupils to select **four elective** pathways in addition to Maths, English, core subjects and a Wider Achievement option.

This letter, and the forthcoming '*Scoping Exercise*' relate to the four elective pathways pupils are able to build into their timetable,

Further information about the two-year pathway structure and options offered is available on the school website and in our new options choice booklet.

Information regarding the options process will continue to be provided through a range of activities concluding a special assembly held this morning. At the special assembly pupils learned about process and the Scoping Exercise. Further information is available on the school website. You can access the relevant section directly using the QR code to the right:



**Again, this year, all options choice information will be collected electronically, using an online portal.**

The Scoping Exercise follows the now completed Preliminary Options Survey. Whereas the Preliminary Options Survey was undertaken in order to understand the views of the S3 year group collectively, the Scoping exercise is intended to capture the intentions/preferences of individuals.

**We must emphasise the following:**

- The Scoping Exercise IS NOT pupils selecting their final options
- Participation in the Scoping Exercise is vital as it allows:
  - The school leadership team to build the best possible final options menu
  - Pastoral Care to understand what individuals want and be able to offer appropriate support and guidance



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In order to validate their Scoping Exercise entries Sample must, while completing the form enter a unique identifying number. This number is simply the code they use to login to the school ICT network. This number is also used later on in school as their SQA candidate number.

First Name	Surname	Unique Number
Sample	Pupil	123456789

The Scoping Exercise is available via the 'S3 into S4 Options Portal' section of the school website. You can also access the Scoping Exercise directly using the QR code to the right:

**The deadline for completion of the Scoping Exercise is Sunday 11.01.26 (end of the first week, after we return in January).**

Following the completion of the Scoping Exercise we will write to you and Sample again. In this letter, to be issued at the start of February, we will provide the following:



[Scoping Exercise Link](#)

- Details of the final options structure and available pathways
- Suggested options for Sample – based on their response to the Scoping Exercise and appropriate pathways as identified by staff

We would also like to take this early opportunity to invite you to some parental engagement events scheduled in early in the new year. On Tuesday 03.02.26 we are holding our usual parents evening for S3 pupils.

As well as enabling you to discuss how Sample is progressing with their learning, this is a great opportunity for in-person dialog with staff regarding options for S4-5. On the evening of Thursday 05.02.26 we will hold an online information session. This is undertaken using Microsoft Teams – accessible through school iPads. We have a digital presentation prepared ahead of the online information evening and this is accessible through the QR code and link on the right:



[Digital Presentation Link](#)

We look forward to seeing you at these events and answering any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Brown

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