



Education and Social Care

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Dear Student and Parents

I am delighted to be able to share with you the Subject Choice Information for 2019/20.

As always we have tried our best to tailor our offer to our students' needs, taking into account their pathway planning information, future local labour force predictions and our capacity as one of the smaller schools.

Over the last few years we have faced financial pressure due to Local Authority savings and a declining roll. We do not have the capacity to offer the flexibility that we once could. In many cases there is only one class for a subject and level. Instead we are looking to cater for students' highest priorities and to focus on delivering a high-quality learning experience leading to the best possible qualifications. Students must plan their experience across all years of the Senior Phase of S4-6 rather than each year being an individual experience.

On a more positive note, our partnership work with Moray College UHI, all Moray Secondaries and our collaboration with Buckie High School, The Gordon Schools and Banff Academy mean we are able to access a wider range of appropriate experiences for our young people. We also benefit from other young people joining our classes and ensuring they remain viable.

Courses are now arranged by SCQF level as we are accessing such a variety of qualifications other than just Nationals and Highers. These alternatives are indicated on the Choice Sheet with information about the SCQF (Scottish Common Qualification Framework) available here <https://scqf.org.uk/support/support-for-learners-parents/>

All course information and other resources you may need to support your decisions can be found on the school website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/my/keithgrammar/course-choice/>

Each student will meet with either their Principal Teacher of Guidance or a member of SLT to discuss their planning and choices. If you wish to be part of that meeting or would like to discuss any aspect of the process please contact the appropriate PTG or Year Head at the school. Out of hours appointments with SLT can be booked using the normal online Parents' Evening Booking System.

As the parent of a child going through this process at another school I understand how difficult this can be, particularly where the young person is unclear as to their plans. I wish you well and would remind you that we really are here to support you and your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you think we can help.

Yours sincerely

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