



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 students' needs, taking into account their pathway planning information, local labour force predictions and our capacity as a smaller school.

Principal Teachers of Guidance are now speaking to all S2 pupils about choices and I would encourage you to spend some time looking through the information and discussing the options.

Information about all our S3 courses and arrangements for choice can be found on our website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/my/keithgrammar/files/2019/01/S2-3-Course-Choice-Booklet-Jan-2019.pdf>

When making choices it is important to consider likely progression routes into qualifications as, although it is possible to change direction for S4, success at an appropriate level is much more likely in subjects studied in S3. S4-6 course information and other resources you may find useful can be found on the school website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/my/keithgrammar/course-choice/>

Senior Phase qualifications 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/>

You are welcome to join your child for their discussion with the PTG who will book a slot with your child. If this time is not suitable for you and you wish to be involved you should contact the appropriate PTG to make an alternative booking. If this is not possible members of SLT will be available to meet with you during the evenings of 12-14 February. SLT appointments should be booked through the normal booking system. You will be asked to finalise your child's choices and return their form to the school by Friday 15th February.

While we try to meet as many requests as we can it is inevitable that there will be some combinations that prove impossible. For this reason it is important that you indicate 2 reserve choices. Regardless of this we would still discuss with a pupil any changes from their original choices.

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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S2 Choice of Course SLT Appointments

Online parents' evening appointment times

Please find details below on how to access the program. The link below must be typed into the address bar. If it is typed into a search engine it will not work. There is also a copy of these instructions on the school website.

Go to: <http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/keithgrammar>

PLEASE NOTE: You need to type this address into your website browser's 'address bar'. Do not try to 'Google' this website address, or use a 'Search Engine', as that will not work. This is a common mistake on phones and tablets especially.

When the page loads, click on Agree.

You will need:

Your title, Surname and *email address (*optional) – this must be the person who we have as the main contact on our school records

Your child's first name and legal surname

Your child's date of birth – e.g. (**/**/****) – now drop down boxes

You will then see the list of Parents Evenings available. Select the evening that best suits you (S2 SLT Appointments).

Bookings. As it is a **Choice of Course Parents' Evening** you will only see the SLT member(s) available that day under Choice tab.

If you need to make any changes to your appointments or cancel any you are able to go back in and make the changes.

Please remember to Log Out (Top right Hand Side) once you are finished making your appointments.

The system is now live and will be open to take your bookings until **the day of the appointments**. You can book for Parents' Evenings as soon as it is open.

Troubleshooting Tips - Read before Booking!

- The email address you enter is only to get a confirmation of your appointment. If the system is saying it does not recognise you, it will not be the email address that is the problem.

If you are unable to book at home, please call the office on 01542 882461 and a member of the office will be available to help you make your appointments.