



EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Student and Parents

I am delighted to be able to share with you the Subject Choice Information for 2022/2023.

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 means we are able to access a wider range of appropriate experiences for our young people. Any pupil who is intending on going to Moray College, should discuss this with their Guidance Teacher first. Pupils must then submit applications online via the 'for schools' section on the Moray College web site: <https://www.moray.uhi.ac.uk/for-schools/>

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/>. This is also where you should submit your course choices.

All course choices are to be submitted online via the Keith Grammar School web site. All current S3 pupils must have submitted their choices online by **Friday 4th February 2022**. The link for this can be found in the course choice section of the school web site. Alternatively, please click on this link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKW3BgalYnJ1Bml9_KXqG0GBUMzRSRTVPWU1DWVIFR1NSSINRR1A0T0s4SS4u

You are welcome to contact the school via email should you wish to discuss your child's subject choice with the relevant Principal Teacher of Guidance. There is also an S3 parents evening scheduled for Tuesday 18th January. Information was sent out about this prior to the holidays.

I understand how difficult course choice 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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