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Dear Parent/Carer

# Re: S3 Senior Phase Options

Your child is now approaching the end of their Broad and General Education (Early Years – S3) and is getting ready to make the transition into the Senior Phase (S4-S6). This is an exciting time for our young people as they make decisions regarding the subjects that they will study, working towards National Qualifications to help to shape their future opportunities.

A copy of the option form has been issued today to allow you to discuss these choices with your child. Every pupil will also receive a copy of an option booklet which outlines the new courses available in S4 and the progression routes through the Senior Phase. Detailed descriptors of all the courses on offer are available in the ‘Options’ section of our school website. In addition, you are invited to a careers evening on **Thursday 14th February at 7pm** **at Largs Academy.** Local businesses, colleges and school staff will be on hand to offer advice and guidance to support young people in making their subject choices.

Your child also received a letter with details of an options interview with their Guidance Teacher, which you are also invited to attend. All interviews will take place during the week beginning 15th February 2019. Ideally, pupils should attend their interview with some ideas regarding the subjects that they wish to select, although their Guidance Teacher and the Careers Advisor, Paul Aitken, will be on hand to assist in any way they can.

A wide range of subjects are available next session, retaining a core curriculum to ensure entitlements are met. Each child is required to study English, Mathematics, core PE, Personal and Social Education and RE courses in S4.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Heather Burns

Head Teacher

 **Thursday 14th February** S3 Assembly - Option forms and letters issued

**Thursday 14th February** Careers Evening, 7pm

**Friday 15th February**  S3 Reports issued

**Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February** S3 into S4 Guidance Interviews

**Friday 1st March** S3 Options deadline – final options form returned to Guidance, signed by parents