**FAQ’s and important information that we normally get/give in class discussions prior to options interviews**

**S3 into S4**

* The option form is developed from the free choice exercise that took place in Skills for Life two weeks prior to the option process starting. At this time all pupils are given the opportunity to detail the five option subjects they would like to undertake. The option form is then designed to accommodate the majority of pupil’s choices. Unfortunately, it is impossible for it to fit the requests of every single pupil across S4. However, if this is the case further discussion will take place during the Pupil Support led option Interview to come to a suitable solution.
* The curriculum narrows to seven subjects in S4 to accommodate 4 periods for each and in turn elicit a greater depth of understanding, knowledge and skill development across each subject area.
* The level at which you undertake your chosen course in S4 will be influenced by the level you achieved within that course in S3, for many subjects. Your Pupil Support teacher will have recommendations from your current teachers to assist with this discussion.
* There is only availability for pupils to choose subjects in S4 that they already undertook in S3 and as a result already have prior learning as well as covered elements of the coursework for National Qualification. It is very important to the chances of success, in a very demanding year, that pupils are given the opportunity to build on previous knowledge and that teachers deliver a subject knowing that there are no gaps in prior learning that underpin the delivery of the course.
* All Pupils must pick five subjects in S4 as well as English and Maths. You cannot pick the same subject twice.
* French is no longer compulsory in S4.