## **Educational Services**

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## Dear Parent/carer

Choosing subjects in the senior phase is an important and exciting time for our young people. It can also be an anxious time as the decisions they make will help to shape their future beyond school. To support young people and their families through this process, we will be hosting an **option information evening** on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 6.00pm-7.30pm**. The evening will be an opportunity for parents/carers to hear more about the range of opportunities that exist in our senior phase and how they can support our young people to make informed choices. A programme for this event has been outlined below:

6.00pm-6.15pm	Welcome and introduction	Mrs Browne (Head Teacher)
Bleachers	Option choices	Mr McGeough (DHT)
6.15pm-7.15pm	Workshops (15-minute rotations)	
1 <sup>st</sup> floor classrooms	Schools - College Partnerships	Mrs Allison (Ayrshire College)
	Attendance is key	Mrs Oates (PT Attendance)
	SDS/My World of Work (Skills Development Scotland)	Mr Wright (SDS)
	DYW (Developing the Young Workforce) across the senior phase	Miss McAusland (PT DYW and Employability)
7.15pm-7.30pm	Q&A session	

There will also be an opportunity to speak to the following partners who support our young people through, and beyond, the senior phase;

- Ayrshire college Employability and careers advisor
- Mrs. Ferrara Thriving Communities
- SCQF Ambassadors SCQF Framework

In the coming weeks, your child will have a one-to-one interview with their Year Head. More information is also available in our **senior phase options booklet** which can be collected on the evening but will also be sent to parents/carers. Please note that options will take place from **Monday 27**th **January to Friday 14**th **February**. The process is as follows;

- 1) Your child will meet with his/her Year Head to discuss options and make their choices on a paper copy of the option form.
- 2) You should then discuss these options with your child before entering them on the Microsoft Form (QR code and link to follow) by the end of day Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Working closely with parents and carers is key part of *getting it right for every child* so we look forward to welcoming many of you to this event. In the meantime, if you require any further information, please contact your child's Guidance teacher.

Yours faithfully

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