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Dear Parent/Carer

S3 pupils will shortly be starting the process of choosing their subject options for S4. The move into S4 is a key transition for pupils, and we want to ensure all pupils are supported to make informed choices linked to their aptitudes, interests and skills as well as their progression pathways and intended post-school destination.

As pupils move into S4 they enter the Senior Phase and progress towards SQA certification. Pupils will continue with 7 of the subjects which they studied in S3 (including English and Mathematics).

This means that pupils will need to identify which of their chosen subjects that they will not continue in S4. This decision should be based on where pupils are most likely to experience success in S4.

[The S3 Options Information Booklet](#) contains information regarding the timeline for the options process, support available and information relating to the subjects which may be available for study in S4. I would encourage you to discuss this information with your child.

The options process will begin with scoping options on Friday 9th February. The scoping options are for pupils to provide an early indication of which subject they may drop, and will inform the structure of the S4 options form. These options are not final, so pupils should not be concerned if their choices change afterwards.

If you have any questions regarding the options process please contact your child's Pupil Support teacher.

Gordon Menzies
Head Teacher

