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Dear Parent/Carer

### **S3 Curriculum Personalisation**

Your child will soon be required to make decisions regarding the personalisation of their S3 curriculum.

Pupils will continue to follow the Broad General Education in S3. Courses, whilst building on the knowledge and skills covered in S1/2, will start to prepare pupils for the Senior Phase. Pupils are advised to select subjects they wish to take in S4. However, they can also start new courses in S4 that are not offered in S3 as we are not able to offer all of these in S3.

#### **The S3 Curriculum consists of:**

##### **1. Core Subjects:**

- English
- Maths
- PSE with a focus on Health & Wellbeing and 'Developing the Young Workforce'
- Core PE
- RMPS
- Modern Languages Unit

##### **2. Personalisation - To ensure all pupils continue with a Broad General Education they must select **one** subject from each of the following curricular areas:**

- Expressive Arts
- Modern Languages
- Science
- Social Subjects
- Technology & Health

Pupils will also select **one** free choice from one of the above curricular areas. Please note that courses will only run if class numbers are viable and certain combinations of subjects may not be possible if only small numbers of pupils choose them. We have an additional course: Dance, which would be available only as the free choice. In the event of any course being over-subscribed we may unfortunately have to ask some pupils to re-choose.

**The following support is available:**

- School website information which includes a video explaining the process [Mintlaw Academy DYW – Creating Opportunities for future careers \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](#).
- PSE lessons will focus on the S3 Curriculum.
- Pupils should make use of information provided in their S2 Tracking Report.
- [My World of Work](#) website – This is an excellent resource which provides useful advice and information on career pathways.

**Key dates:**

- **March 2023** - Curriculum personalisation information will be available through PSE.
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – S2 Assembly.
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Tracking Report issued. Pupils receive paper copy of their curriculum personalisation form.
- **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Curriculum personalisation form to be handed in to school office by 3.00pm

If you wish any further information regarding personalisation of the S3 Curriculum please contact your child's Guidance Teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "EJ Whitehead".

Mrs EJ Whitehead (Depute)