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# Falkirk Council

Children's Services

18 November 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

### Moving Forward and Learning in Greater Depth – S3 into S4 Course Choice

In preparation for next session, I would like to draw your attention to Fourth Year Course Choice procedures.

#### Preparing for Fourth Year Course Choices

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From mid-November until the end of December we are asking S3 pupils to review their learning during their Health and Wellbeing lessons, which is aimed at preparing pupils to select the 6 subjects that they would like to study in greater depth in Fourth Year. During these HWB lessons strengths, skills, career aspirations, interactive tasks and discussions will take place which are designed to assist informed decision making.

Additionally, Third Year pupils can request a personalised meeting with their Pastoral Head to discuss their course choices in greater detail and these meetings will take place from Tuesday 13 – Friday 16 December 2016.

Pupils with additional support needs will complete their course choice interview during their Annual Review Meeting.

Parents/Carers can also request a meeting to discuss course choices (with the relevant Pastoral Head) during the parents' evening which will be held in school on *Monday 12 December 2016*. Please book a course choice meeting when making online appointments.

#### Recommended level of study in Fourth Year

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In their current Tracking Report, S3 pupils will be given a recommended level of study for each subject they will study in Fourth Year. This recommendation is based on continuous assessment, general progress and teachers' professional judgement. *Please refer to these recommendations when discussing and completing the Course Choice Sheet.*

#### Parents' Evening – Monday 12 December 2016 (4.30 – 7.00pm)

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To assist parents/carers in making decisions regarding S4 course choices, subject teachers will be available to report on current progress, provide advice and answer relevant questions.

#### Key dates relating to the Third Year Choice process are:

14 Nov – 19 December w.b. 21 November	Structured Health and Wellbeing (HWB) lessons designed to support Course Choice Straw Poll in Health and Wellbeing (HWB) lesson
Tuesday 29 November	Parent Seminar (6.00pm in Assembly Hall)
Monday 12 December	S2 Parents' Information Evening (4.30 – 7.00pm). Parental interviews can be requested to discuss course choices with Pastoral Heads
Tues 13 – Fri 16 Dec	S3 Course Choice interviews take place
Monday 19 December	Deadline for submission of signed Course Choice Sheet
Monday 5 June 2017	New Timetable begins

Should you require any further information, I can be contacted at the school on the above address.

Yours faithfully

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