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Dear Parents and Carers,

S2 into S3 – Choosing your subjects (Options)

This term all S2 pupils will choose the subjects they wish to study for the next two years. To help them decide pupils will have:

- Completed an individual meeting with a career's adviser Oct-Dec 2022
- Engaged in **Pathway Promo Week** in classes and on social media 20th-24th November
- S2 full report – issued Dec 2022
- S2 information evening – Thursday 18th January 2024 6-6.30pm.
- Forms questionnaire sent out to determine preferred format of interview (in person/on phone options interview) with parents, pupils, and PT Pastoral. *link for this to follow
- S2 parents evening – 1st Feb 2023
- One to one interview with their pastoral support teacher between 23rd January to 15th Feb supported by tracking data and intended career pathways.
- 15th Feb options close.

The interview is where pupils will complete their option form, so pupils need to be fully decided on their choices. Parents/carers are welcome to attend the interview, either in person, on the phone or on TEAMS (technology allowing!) or they can have discussed it fully at home prior to the interview. Interview times will be sent out via parent text. If the time is not suitable and you would like to have attended, please get in touch to arrange another time with the Pastoral Teacher.

Enhanced Transition Support

Some of our young people will be offered extra support through the options process to ensure we are meeting their needs. This may involve additional staff such as our PT Employability and/or PT Attainment and/or PT Pupil Support. These enhanced interviews will help support pupils and parents/carers in making positive decisions as they transition into S3. PT Pastoral will contact pupils directly who are affected however, if you felt your child would benefit from more enhanced support, please contact their Pastoral Support teacher for more information.

How can I help my child?

These are important choices that our young people are making, and you will want to help.

As well as using their report or advice from subject teachers, all departmental promotional videos are now available via the school website using the link below:

<https://www.glenifferhigh.renfrewshire.sch.uk/teaching-learning/pathways/curriculum/s2-into-s3/faculties/>



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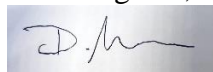
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Speak with your child, find out what they enjoy and encourage them to pursue this. Discuss the types of areas of careers they may find interesting but don't centre everything around this as they are only S2 and likely to change their mind throughout their education! Try to keep a variety of subject areas in their choices, this will allow them to change their mind about careers, if the subject areas are all in the one department/faculty this could limit their opportunities later, support their choices and be part of the interview process. Consider strengths and recommendations

Career planning has been discussed in PSE and there are useful websites such as the careers service - Skills Development Scotland - <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/> where you can get even more information regarding career pathways.

Kind Regards,



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