



Dear Parent / Carer

S4/5 into S5/6 Straw Poll

The planning has already started for our change of timetable for session 23/24 and as a result the coursing process will start in January with S2 into S3. We are also currently in the process of completing a straw poll with our current S4 and S5 students to gauge interest in the subjects they would like to participate in next session. This is in essence a mock coursing for our S4/5 students moving into S5/6 and provides information that will inform our curriculum offer and course choice forms for next session. The timeline for the S4/5 into S5/6 students is below.

S4/5 into S5/6 Course Choice Timeline	
January	S4/5 students complete a straw poll course choice activity that is analysed to help inform our curriculum offer and also produce a course choice form for students moving into S5/6. Courses become available on the school website. Have a good look at what is available.
March	During PSE the S4/5 into S5/6 course choice process begins. Students will receive their 1:1 course choice interviews and then course choice forms must go home to be signed by a parent or carer before choices can be finalised. DEADLINE - 29/03/23 All course choices complete - 29/03/23
April	All choices entered into the computer programme. No further changes can be made to course choices at this stage.
May	The new timetable begins on Monday 29th May

The below link will take you to the school website where you will find all the information you need to support your child make their coursing decisions. This includes an information video explaining the process and a link to the course choice booklet which provides information about all the courses available.

<https://penicuik.mgfl.net/s3-course-choice>

The straw poll is not the final coursing but it will be analysed to inform our curriculum offer and create the course choice form we will use for the final coursing process so please spend some time making choices so it is as close to your ideal course choice as possible. Please understand that not all students first choice options will be available based on the complex nature of designing a curriculum.

Regards

Craig Dewar
Depute Head Teacher