15.12.2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**S2 into S3 Parents’ and Carers’ Information Evening – 11.1.2023 at 6:30pm (in person and at the school).**

Please find attached the ***S2>S3 Learner Pathway*** form, which is the final stage in the S2 into S3 personalisation and choice/coursing process for this year. **Please discuss this with your child and return the completed form to your child’s House Head in paper form or via email by Friday the 20th of January, after the S2 Parents’ Consultation on the 17th of** January (when you will have a chance to discuss progress with class teachers)**.** Please note that no course can be guaranteed at this stage - this will depend on numbers and staffing.

Most subject choices should be self-explanatory but there are, perhaps, one or two which are new to you. Explanations of these will be provided to pupils by subject teachers before the coursing process begins and to you at the **S2 into S3** **Parents’ and Carers’ Information Evening** on the **11th of January at 6:30pm**. **This will take place in the Drama Theatre at the school.**

A copy of the Learner Pathway form and the S3 Handbook (a brief guide to the subjects on offer in S3) will be available on the school website here: <https://leithacademy.uk/pupils/choice-sheets/>

This coursing process allows pupils to follow a broad curriculum up to the end of S3. Almost all S3 courses will be available up to National 4 or National 5 in S4 or S5. Most courses will be available at Higher in S5.

This year, the personalisation and choice process has comprised the following stages:

* Regular discussion in subject classes and in Personal and Social Education (PSE) about the importance of course choice, the nature of each subject and the ‘pathways’ that can be followed (in school and beyond) by studying a subject.
* Individual curricular support and guidance from House Heads.
* Dedicated time in PSE covering courses and planning for the future.
* Input from our SDS Careers Advisor, Maya Stone.

All pupils will be given an individual appointment with a member of the Pupil Support team to agree and record their final course choices. Parents/carers are welcome to attend this appointment if they wish to do so; if this is the case then please contact your child’s House Head to make this arrangement. If you have any questions or concerns about course choice for next year then please either email me or your child’s House Head so we can discuss these with you.

I look forward to meeting you at the **S2 into S3** **Parents’ and Carers’ Information Evening** on the **11th of January at 6:30pm.**

Yours sincerely

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