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# Welcome to the S2 Subject Choice Parents' Forum



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Careers and Course Choice

# S2 Subject Choice: Considerations

- Students should choose subjects that they like and expect to do well in
- Don't forget subjects they last did in S1!
- Aim for breadth in decision making, keep options open
- They are not choosing a career
- They can only work within the constraints of our column structure
- Changes can be made – but we need to avoid if possible
- More choices will be made at the end of S4 (SQA/IB)

# S2 Subject Choice:

## More detail

- English, Maths and a Modern Language are compulsory, which leaves five other subjects to choose
- Core time (6 periods per cycle): PE (2), RME (1), PSD (1) and a choice from a variety of interest courses - details later



**Mr Richard Kettley**

**(Miss Beth Dunham from 20 April)**

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# S2 Subject Choice: Timetable

- Mid-February - information posted on school website
- 24 February (morning) – Students’ talk
- 24 February (evening) – Parents’ Forum
- The aim of both sessions is to convey information and, most critically, to invite questions
- By 4 March – choices made online

# S2 Subject Choice:

## Process

- A long process because it is important
- Gives students a chance to tailor their timetable to their own interests and strengths
- Helps give them sense of control over their education
- If we get it right early on there are fewer changes which need to be made
- Late changes are often difficult, sometimes impossible, to implement

# S2 Subject Choice:

## Where to get help

- Students and parents are not expected to make these decisions without professional and experienced help
- Students can ask –
  - Careers staff (Dr Mallinson, Mrs Neville, Miss Rogers, Mrs Thornton)
  - Year Heads (Mrs Flannery and Miss White)
  - Mr Kettley (Miss Dunham) and Mr Dean

# S2 Subject Choice:

## Follow up

- Early May – Scrutiny Process
- We alert individual students and parents of any potential difficulties with the choices
- Personal interviews where required
- End of May – letter home confirming final choice



**Thank you for attending the  
S2 Subject Choice Parents' Forum**

**Any questions?**