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Dear Parent/Carer

At Forres Academy all pupils are offered a broad general education from S1-S3. Your son/daughter will have experienced a wide range of subjects across all areas of the curriculum during their first and second years at the school. Moving in to their third year however will allow them more choice and will also allow for learning across and within subjects at a more advanced level, depending on ability and interest. The degree of choice within the S3 curriculum ensures that all pupils will still have a breadth of experience across the curriculum areas and thus provides a good foundation for moving on to study for qualifications in S4 and beyond.

How do pupils choose their subjects in S3?

As we are about to embark on this process, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some important dates and events.

Thursday 26th January 2017 – 7.00 pm

There will be an Information Evening for all parents. This will give parents an opportunity to find out more about the courses offered in S3 as well as being given an overview of the choice process and the next stages in learning in the senior school, S4 and beyond. It must be stressed that these courses do not lead directly to qualifications but continue to focus on developing our young people's knowledge and skills at a pace that suits them, ensuring appropriate support and challenge across the 8 curricular areas. An S3 Information Booklet will give a summary of each S3 course. During their PSE lessons (Personal and Social Education) pupils will be offered support and guidance on choices from their Guidance teacher.

Thursday 23rd February 2017

There will be an S2 Parents Evening when all parents have an opportunity to meet with their son/daughter's teachers to discuss their progress and next steps.

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Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March 2017

Parents will have the opportunity to meet with Guidance staff to discuss progress and finalise course choices. Further information will be issued nearer the time.

Friday 3rd March 2017

Final choices for S3 should be completed and handed in to Guidance teachers.

I do hope you find the above information helpful and we look forward to meeting you on 26th January 2017.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher