

Knox Academy S3 Course Choice



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Dear Parent/Carer

S2 into S3 Course Choice

We are at the time of year where we ask S2 pupils to make choices regarding the areas of the curriculum they aim to continue studying for the final year of the Broad General Education before moving into the Senior Phase, in 2018. S3 provides our pupils with the opportunity to begin narrowing their areas of study in preparation for the undertaking of National Qualifications in S4. By specialising in S3 it allows learners to begin to develop more specifically the skills and knowledge they will require for each subject in S4, whilst maintaining a broad range of subjects. Pupils will make further choices towards the end of S3 as to the subjects they wish continue to study in S4 at National Qualification level.

In S3 all pupils will continue to study English and Mathematics, as well as one subject from each curricular area. Beyond this, pupils can also choose two (or three where French is not chosen) other subjects of their choice from across the school.

To help your learner make the right choices we have published our course choice booklet on the school website (knox.is/coursechoice). This booklet will allow you and your learner to gain an insight into what will be studied in each subject in S3, before choices are made. Please note that if you are unable to access the booklet online, there will be hard copies available in the school office and guidance rooms.

On the reverse of this letter is the S3 Course Choice form which specifies the curricular areas that pupils must make their choices from. Please ensure this form is signed and returned to your registration teacher by the **24th of March** at the very latest.

Please note, that whilst every effort will be made to ensure all pupils receive their choices, in some instances this may not be possible; as such, it is important that pupils also consider their reserve choices very carefully.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the course choice process for S3, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the guidance team via the school office.

Yours faithfully

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