

CURRENT S2 – NEW S3 PUPILS

In our letter dated Friday 24 April, we outlined that we would be moving our pupils onto the next phase of learning on **Wednesday 6 May**. I can now provide you with full details as to how this will operate. We are all aware it is important to keep our pupils progressing in their learning. For our S2 pupils this is a very important change – moving into subjects they have chosen.

Our format for this change is different to our normal school day – using longer blocks of time as opposed to shorter 50 minute periods to allow the opportunity for more meaningful engagement to take place and to slow down the pace of a day for everyone.

Summary of Changes

- All our current S2 pupils will move into S3 on **Wednesday 6 May**.
- They will have 4 blocks of learning a day Monday – Thursday; and 2 blocks on a Friday:

Block 1	8.45 – 10.15
Break	10.15 – 10.30
Block 2	10.30 – 12.00
Block 3	12.00 – 1.30
Lunch	1.30 – 2.10
Block 4	2.10 – 3.40

- Pupils will need to join each Team in the subjects they have chosen – see below.
- Pupils have chosen **one subject from each column** – they should join the appropriate Team from each column using the code below. Pupils should only join class they chose at course choice time. In addition **all pupils** must join the **core subjects**.

Below is a copy of the course choice form we used and pupils should use this as a guide as to which codes to use to join a TEAM, however If a pupil can't remember the exact column for a subject they chose then they should just make sure they join the subjects they chose as long as they don't choose one from the same column.

Core – all pupil join core subjects
English – use existing S2 Teams
Maths – use existing S2 Teams
French – Jura and Yell pupils join nrt0g41 and Harris and Skye pupils join u4t8420
Spanish – Jura and Yell pupils join wdmgr2j and Harris and Skye pupils join 09e4pgs
PE – Jura and Yell pupils join syuiinc and Harris and Skye pupils join 6441ck6
PSE – use existing S2 Teams

Expressive Arts & PE	Science	Social Subjects	Technologies	Masterclass 1	Masterclass 2	Masterclass 3
Music e1utklq	Biology cymkmp3	History efyrnv0	Graphic Com zw1xyau	Art j3k2j0y	Music 1qjrw8l	Biology Cymkmp3(Master class Channel)
Art 3ftxxkj	Chemistry v4vn3qp	Geography yncc2r5	Design & Man zeemqf9	Physics 10124y3	Chemistry v4vn3qp	Business Man anzj7au

Media ohzskj8	Physics 10124y3	Business Man chjzrh	Computing kevy179	(Masterclass Channel)	(Master class channel)	Admin & IT sx1q010
PE x3flon5			Home Ec 8cfiq2	Geography 98ggqod	Computing lgg5oc6	Design & Man 990vfu7
Dance 2ainoy3				Home Ec wpiuvhs	iXL y02r1pz	German ng66j9i
				Graphic Com 7rulfq2	History wtv3sql	
				RMPS s7yvffg		

- Once pupils have signed up for all of the TEAMS, they should then follow this timetable below.

	Block 1	Break	Block 2	Block 3	Lunch	Block 4
	8.45 - 10.15	10.15 - 10.30	10.30 - 12.00	12.00 - 1.30	1.30 - 2.10	2.10 - 3.40
Monday						
S3	Expressive & PE Art, PE, Dance, Media, Music		French	Maths		Masterclass 3 Biology, Business Man, Admin & IT, Design & Man, German
Tuesday						
S3	English		French	Maths		Science Biology, Physics, Chemistry
Wednesday						
S3	Technology Graphic Com, Design & Man, Computing, HE		English	Masterclass 1 Art, Physics, Geography, HE, Graphic Com, RMPS		Spanish
Thursday						
S3	English		PE	Social Subjects History Geography, Business Management		Masterclass 2 Music, Chemistry, Computing, IXL, History
Friday						
S3	Maths		PSE			

Pupils Working from Home

Whilst we will actively encourage all our pupils to participate during the blocks of learning times– we do understand for some of our pupils this may not always be possible. Materials will be available on each class Team for pupils to access out with the block of learning time.

Course Choice Changes

We actively encourage all our pupils to stand by their course choice decisions. However we do realise in limited circumstances an issue may arise. Please contact Miss McTiernan at clare.mctiernan@westlothian.org.uk if you have any queries. We cannot guarantee spaces will exist in all classes and therefore a change can be made. Students should not ask teachers directly to join their class – all request must come via the email address above. In addition; any pupil who has still to make a course choice should contact Miss McTiernan directly. If you are unsure of your subject choices made contact Miss McTiernan directly.

Many thanks and continue to stay safe.

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