

14 January 2025

Dear Parent and Carer

**SENIOR PHASE PATHWAYS EVENING – INCORPORATING OUR COURSE CHOICE
INFORMATION EVENING & CAREERS EVENT – THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2025**

As you are aware your child is approaching the time when they will be making important decisions about their course choices for the next academic year. In order that you can better support your child in these decisions, we are inviting you to join us on the above date where we will outline for you our course choice programme of events, explain the options available, the procedures we follow and answer any questions you may have.

The information session for current S3 will be in the school's Lecture Theatre from 7 pm

The information session for current S4 & 5 will be in the school's Lecture Theatre from 7.30 pm

In addition to the information evening pupils and parents can come and visit the Career Pathways Event organised in school. At this stage of your child's school career they will be considering their future career options. Our careers event will give both them and you a unique opportunity to ask questions of universities, colleges and a range of career people. Each will have their own stall and you simply approach them and ask any relevant questions you have. The event will take from **6.00 pm to 7.30 pm** for S2-S6 so you will have time to attend the information session and careers part. Whether your child has a clear career path in mind or not this event is an invaluable opportunity and many external volunteers are giving up their time to support our pupils and parents.

At present we have almost 50 stalls from a range of areas. Delegates confirmed already include:

- *Edinburgh University*
- *Medical professionals*
- *Heriot Watt University*
- *West Lothian College*
- *Edinburgh College*
- *Engineers*
- *Pharmacists*
- *Stirling University*
- *St Andrews University*
- *Armed Services*
- *Lawyers*
- *Teaching*
- *Construction*
- *Hospitality*
- *Finance*
- *Marketing*

Car parking

As we are holding a number of information sessions on the same evening as well as the careers evening there will be a large number of people accessing our car park. If it is possible for you to park away from the school grounds and walk it would be very much appreciated and ease congestion. Please also remember that the spaces immediately in front of the school are for

blue badge holders and there are a number of staff and parents who genuinely require to use these.

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child's House Head if there is anything about the evening or indeed the course choice process you would like to discuss. I look forward to meeting with you on 30 January.

Kind regards

Miss C McTiernan
Depute Head Teacher