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Dear Parent / Carer

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As we move into February you will be aware that this time of year marks a very important stage in your son/daughters education with us here at Cedarbank School. Not only are we working towards the completion of their current suite of National Qualifications but we are also mindful of planning ahead for their educational destination at the end of S5. At this point they may choose to stay on at school to widen their National Qualifications and skills experience, apply for a place on one of the courses at West Lothian College or Oatridge College, move into the job market or there may be an alternative pathway that we can consider.

To this end, I have provided a pack for pupils which contains a course choice form and booklet. Could I please ask you to read this through with them and complete the course choice form. Please note that pupils are asked to state their preferred leaving date. This will either be the end of S5 or the end of S6. Whichever one pupils tick, they must also enter their planned or preferred destination when leaving. I'm not expecting this to be final at the moment, however I would encourage you to spend time with your son/daughter in thinking this through since this will be of great benefit during their transition meeting. The enclosed booklet gives you all the information that you will need to support your son/daughter make their course choices for next academic year. You will note that there is a wealth of subjects on offer to pupils. This booklet has been prepared so that you can compare courses and see what they involve. Pupils will also spend time during their Lifeskills classes next week reading through the booklet and having their questions answered.

Could I ask you to follow the instructions on the form with regard to how to complete it and then hand it in to your child's tutor teacher no later than Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

If you would like to discuss any part of the course choice process please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gallacher who will either chat this through with you on the phone or arrange to meet with you.

Yours sincerely

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