

Dear Parent / Carer,

4/3/21

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well as we continue to work together to support your child, in their learning, during this period of lockdown.

After Easter, our Course Choice programme will begin. In preparation for this, your child will meet with a member of staff next week, to chat about their general interests alongside the progression that they may be able to make in the subjects that they have studied in S4. This exercise will engage them once again in the process of thinking about their employment aspirations and what format their journey to achieving these aspirations may take. This helps us in planning ahead with Mr Sam Morgan, our Skills Development Scotland partner, for work experience placements, college visits and possible apprenticeships etc. I have included a copy of the worksheet that we will fill in with your child next week. Please feel free to chat this through with them over the course of the next few days.

For those pupils who continue to learn remotely, a member of the school management team will be in touch next week to complete this task with your child.

In addition to their subject Course Choices for school, your child will also be given the opportunity, where appropriate, to study at West Lothian College on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday afternoon. The school – college partnership programme provides a variety of courses from Level 4 – Level 6. In addition to this they also offer a number of 2 year Foundation Apprenticeship courses. As part of our DYW agenda over the course of the last few years, this partnership has been instrumental in providing additional opportunities for our young people to develop their skills for learning, life and work. I will provide you with more information on this when we begin our Course Choice programme.

We are currently in the process of planning with our teachers for our Parent/Carer Night and what this may look like for you and your child. It is our intention to run this event in May. The format of this event, will be determined by Government guidance in relation to infection control measures. It is also our intention to invite Mr Sam Morgan to our Parent/Carer Night thus giving you an opportunity to meet with him to discuss any career aspirations that your child may have shared with you.

Our teachers will begin writing their pupil reports in a few weeks. These are scheduled to be with you by Friday the 7th May.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if there is anything at all that you would like to chat through. In the meantime, I wish you and your family well at this difficult time. Take care.

Yours sincerely,

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