

Dear S5 Parent / Carer

13th May 2021

As we move through the month of May 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 at Cedarbank @ Armadale Academy, apply for a place on one of the courses at West Lothian 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 an Course Choice form and booklet for Cedarbank @ Armadale Academy. Could I please ask you to read this through with your child, complete the form and return it by the date stated below. 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 final course choices in Cedarbank School. 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.

Please note that **all courses are subject to uptake and staffing**. It is possible that your child may not get his / her first set of choices. I have therefore asked them to choose **THREE** back up courses just in case.

If you would like to meet with me over Skype to chat through the **Course Choice Programme** please do not hesitate to contact the school office at **Cedarbank Main Building** to make an appointment. I will be available to meet with you on the following dates:

⇒ Tuesday 18 th May	10.30am – 1pm
⇒ Wednesday 19 th May	9.30am – 12.30pm
⇒ Thursday 20 th May	2pm – 3.30pm

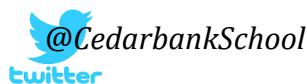
If you are unable to access Skype or another video platform but would like to chat things through on the phone please feel free to contact the school office as above. If I am unable to take your call at that time I will call you back as soon as I am able.

If on the other hand, you are happy to proceed with your child's course choices without meeting with me, could I ask you to follow the instructions on the form and hand it in to your child's tutor teacher no later than **Tuesday 25th May 2021**.

Yours sincerely

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