

# GLENIFFER HIGH SCHOOL

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**Our Ref: SG**

**Date: 20/01/2025**

Dear parents and carers,

## Senior Phase Options 2025

In February, we begin our options process where S4 and S5 pupils choose the subjects they will study next session. Options will be completed at a meeting with the Depute Head Teacher for your child's house, and you are more than welcome to attend this meeting, either in person or by telephone. You will receive a text message with a link allowing you to request attendance at this meeting.

S5 pupils study five subjects, one from each column, and one leisure subject in Column F. We strongly recommend pupils choose their 'best 5 in S5', in other words the five subjects where their attainment is the strongest, giving pupils the best chance to maximise their attainment.

S6 pupils study four subjects and will take part in our volunteering programme which contributes to a Saltire award. The only exception is where pupils choose two subjects at Advanced Higher level, where they will require a total of three subjects to reflect the additional time required for independent study and project work.

Statistically, re-sitting subjects to improve grades is rarely successful and is not recommended. I do understand this is sometimes required to meet specific entrance requirements and these exceptional circumstances can be discussed with the DHT at the options meeting.

Where subject choices cannot be fully accommodated in school, there may be an opportunity to study a subject at another school via consortium. Places are subject to availability in other schools and will not be finalised until August. This can be discussed at the options meeting. There is also a Senior Phase offer at West College Scotland in Columns D and E. If choosing one of these subjects, pupils will travel to the college using their National Entitlement Card over the lunch break and classes run in the afternoon.

It is important to note there is not an option to 'drop' a subject part way through the year, so it is important subject choices are made carefully and are based on the most recent tracking data. There will be an opportunity to renegotiate options in August when final SQA results are published.



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## Useful documents and dates

- Options Form: School website – Learning in Gleniffer – Curriculum (link below letter)
- Padlet with useful links and FAQ – link below letter
  
- Tracking reports
  - o S4 distributed week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> January
  - o S5/6 distributed week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> February
  
- S4 options will commence Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February
- S5/6 options will commence Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

## Preparing for options meetings

Please take some time to discuss your child's tracking and discuss the available options in advance of the meeting. All departments have promotional videos, subject information, and progression pathways available on the school website under Learning in Gleniffer and Curriculum.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions about the options process.

Yours faithfully,

*Steven Gould*

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