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Dear Parent / Guardian

Year 12 is an important year in which, along with taking GCSE examinations, pupils consider career ideas and prepare to make their subject choices at A level. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the range of information and guidance that will be available to support your child in this process.

Before Christmas, all Year 12 pupils were surveyed to gauge general interest in a range of potential A level subjects. The results of this survey have been used to help us plan the most suitable post-16 curriculum for pupils currently in Year 12 and this will be reflected in the options available in the AS Subject Choice booklet.

On Wednesday 5th February 2020 from 1:30pm – 2:15pm, your child will be able to collect her mock examination results from the School library, in a similar format as she will receive her GCSE examination results in August, and you are invited to accompany her. A number of pupils, along with their parent / guardian, will be asked to attend an interview with a senior member of staff on this afternoon, in this case you will be notified in advance. This interview may be challenging for some pupils, but it will also provide an opportunity to discuss their results in a focussed way in order to help them achieve their best at GCSE in the summer term.

Following collection of results, there will be an Options Event in the School assembly hall, 2:30pm – 3:30pm, beginning with a short presentation by the Head of Careers. At this, you and your child can learn more about the subjects offered at A level, the content of each specification, the entry requirements and the careers paths related to them. You may find it helpful to speak with School Careers Guidance staff who will be available during the event. Careers Advisors from the Northern Ireland Careers Service will also be present to discuss possible career pathways, should you wish to avail of this advice. AS/A level Subject Choice booklets will be issued to pupils before this event.

This will be followed by a Parent Consultation afternoon, on Thursday 5th March 2020, when you can meet with your daughter's subject teachers to discuss her progress and receive academic guidance regarding her A level subject choices.

Completed subject choice forms should then be returned to your child's Form Teacher by Monday 9th March 2020.

I hope that you find this information useful and will take advantage of the support and guidance Glenlola Collegiate provides at this key decision point.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Middle School

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Head of Careers