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Dear Parent / Guardian

In preparation for making GCSE subject choices, pupils in Year 10 have been given careers information and support through their careers classes during the year, and a careers lesson and leaflet provided remotely by the NI Careers Service. Normally, this would be followed by the Options Event, a subject fair held in School each February, and individual careers discussions with pupils and their parents about choice of GCSE level courses. However, as you are aware, the current situation has made it impossible to deliver the last part of this programme.

Instead, I would ask that you and your child carefully check the attached GCSE Subject Choice booklet and, considering their current career aspirations and their past performance in tests in Junior School subjects, complete the online form (see link below) to indicate their subject choices for GCSE. As general guidance, in the recent winter examinations pupils should have achieved a minimum of a grade C, and preferably a grade B or better, in subjects they wish to continue to GCSE level.

Year 10: <https://forms.gle/SsXrrG4D9mfVzZaN9>

Please note, the date for completing the online subject choice form is **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. You will have an opportunity to discuss subject progress with teachers at the online parent consultation on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, prior to submitting the choice form**. As there are a number of new subjects available at GCSE, you will have the opportunity to speak to some teachers regarding these during the online consultation.

Following summer examinations in May, some pupils will attend an interview to further discuss choices and alternative subjects may be suggested, where we believe a more suitable subject choice exists.

Please note that subject choices cannot be changed without consultation with School. If, after completing the online choice form, your child wishes to change a subject choice, you should email School via [info@glenlola.collegiate.bangor.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@glenlola.collegiate.bangor.ni.sch.uk). Changes may only be made where the change fits within the timetabled blocks and does not make a class too large.

A paper copy of the subject choice booklet may be collected, on request, from the School Reception.

Yours sincerely

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