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**Glenlola
Collegiate
School
Bangor**

Year 12 AS/A2 Level Subject Choices

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 12 is an important year in which, along with sitting GCSE examinations, pupils consider career ideas and prepare to make their subject choices for A level. Pupils are normally expected to take three or four subjects to AS level and the majority continue with three to A2 level. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the range of careers provisions that will be available to support pupils and parents with this process.

All Year 12 pupils were recently surveyed to gauge general interest in a range of possible A Level subjects. The results of this survey have been used to help us plan the most suitable curriculum for pupils currently in Year 12 and this is reflected in the options available in the AS Level Subject Choice book. This book, which contains guidance on making choices for A Level study, information about the subjects offered at Glenlola, the content of each specification, and the careers paths related to them, can be accessed here:

[AS Level Subject Choice Book 2024](#)

During the week commencing Monday 5 February, each pupil will be invited to attend an individual interview, with Careers and section staff, to discuss career ideas and AS Level subject interests. Staff will look at the subject choices that pupils are considering for suitability and may wish to discuss potential alternatives.

On Wednesday 7 February an Options Event will take place in the school assembly hall, from 2:30-3:30pm. This event will begin with a short presentation by the Acting Head of Careers. At this, you and your child can learn more about the subjects offered at AS Level, the content of each specification and the careers paths related to them, as well as speak with School Careers Guidance staff. Careers Advisers from the Northern Ireland Careers Service will also be present to discuss possible career pathways, should you wish to avail of this advice. We do hope that you will be able to come along.

This follows on from the Parental Consultation afternoon, on Thursday 11 January, when you will have had the opportunity to speak with your child's subject teachers to discuss their progress and receive academic guidance regarding A level subject choices.

Completed AS Level subject choice forms should then be returned to your child's Form Teacher no later than Wednesday 28 February 2024.

We hope that you find this information useful, and that your child will use the support available to make well informed decisions regarding their A Level choices and future career pathways.

Yours sincerely

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