

RS/JC

1 November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Senior Phase Course Choice & Careers evening, 14 November 2019 5pm - 7pm

Early in the New Year, your child will be approaching an important transition point in their education. For S3 students this involves choosing subjects for next session. For students in S4/5, there is a choice to be made between continuing their education at Lasswade and leaving. For S6 students this event provides the opportunity to explore and compare career routes with local partners and employers. As all of these choices could well determine future careers, it is important that decisions taken are reasoned and informed and made only after considering all the options carefully.

Considerable time is spent in school discussing these matters. The Student Support staff, through PSE, encourage students to think about their options and provide individual advice. Our Careers Advisers also provide information about choices and career planning and students are encouraged to seek an appointment, in school time, to discuss their plans.

The **Senior Phase Course Choice & Careers evening on the 14th November 2019 5pm - 7pm** offers an opportunity for all students from S3-6, and their parents, to explore their options. The focus of this evening is the opportunity to speak to a variety of partners who can be consulted on career pathways: College will be available to provide information on Further Education opportunities for students who may be considering moving on from school; A variety of Universities, will be present should your child wish to discuss general entry requirements for Higher Education; a wide variety of industries will be represented by local employers, providing invaluable advice on career pathways. In addition, Lifelong Learning & Employability and Midlothian Volunteering will be available to provide information on what they can offer to Senior students to enhance their curriculum.

Individual coursing interviews will take place from week beginning 24th February to finalise the selection of courses. It is important that students come to their coursing interview having given careful consideration to their future and having discussed all the issues with you. There will be year group specific presentations to fully explain the Lasswade coursing process throughout the evening at the following times:

- **5.30pm - S3 into S4**
- **6.00 pm - S4 into S5**
- **6.30pm - S5 into S6**

The Senior Leadership Team, Student Support staff and our Careers Advisers will be available on a 'drop in' basis to discuss course choice or career plans. We look forward to seeing you on the 14th November 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J McLaren
Head of House