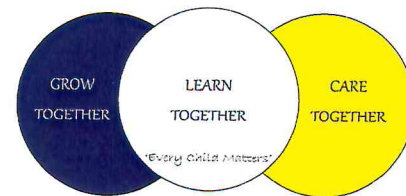




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St Mary's High School Downpatrick

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 10 Option Choices for GCSE 2021-2022

I hope you and your families are all safe and well. It is hard to believe that we have reached the stage in Year 10 for the girls to make subject choices for GCSE and other vocational qualifications.

This year, due to the ongoing pandemic, we have to do things in a different way. Unfortunately, the current situation precludes us from having our usual parent/teacher meeting to discuss subject choices. Our Year 10 Options Booklet will be posted on the Google Classroom virtual platform by Friday 22nd January. It is important that your daughter reads the booklet and familiarises herself with the demands of the different subject areas. If your daughter has any questions, then she can contact her teachers directly and they will be happy to answer her questions. If you require a paper copy of the booklet, please contact our school office.

We recognise that it is difficult for a 14-year-old to know what career choice she would like to make in the future. However, we want to support your daughter to make the best subject choices for GCSE that will be linked to career aspirations and future employment prospects. We would encourage you to make some time to talk to your daughter regarding the choices she is making. There is a section in the booklet for parents and the crucial role you have to play. This is an exciting time in your daughter's life as she begins to consider future careers.

A survey will be released on Google Classroom by Friday 29th January for your daughter to complete her choices. This survey needs to be completed **by Wednesday 3rd February**.

If you require clarification do not hesitate to contact the school.

Your sincerely,

Ms R. McLaughlin
Principal



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