



'Every Child Matters'

St Mary's High School Downpatrick

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 Option Choices for GCSE 2023-2024

I hope you and your daughter had the opportunity to meet with her subject teachers at the recent parent/teacher meeting. 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.

It is important that your daughter reads the Options 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.

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 has been released on Google Classroom for your daughter to complete her choices. This survey needs to be completed by Wednesday 1st February 2023.

If you require clarification do not hesitate to contact the school and speak to Mr Wylie.

Your sincerely

Ms R. McLaughlin
Principal

