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Dear Parent / Carer

A Curriculum Model for Ambition and Inclusion

At Inverurie Academy, we are determined to create a curricular experience for students that is ambitious, inclusive, and also reflects our local context. Based on this simple rationale, we have been working with groups of stakeholders from all parts of the school community to create a new curriculum model to be introduced in session 2018-19.

This curriculum model makes material changes to the S3 and S4 column and choice structure, but there are also changes that will impact on the choice process for students planning to enter S5 or S6.

Key Features of our Curriculum Model for New S4, S5 & S6

The new curriculum model will affect choice processes for S4, S5 and S6 in the following ways:-

- The majority of students starting S4 in 2018 will choose seven subject options for study at National Qualification level.
- The process of returning to Inverurie Academy in S5 and S6 will be different. This will involve an *application to return to study* where students will be supported to consider their purpose and possible career routes post-school when completing this application.
- In S5 and S6, all students will be given an opportunity to choose from a range of 'wider achievement' options. This wider achievement column will comprise two periods and will be designed to encourage students to continue to develop their skills for Learning, Life and Work.
- We are looking to continue our focus on Mentoring in the Senior Phase following successful introduction of a Staff Mentoring Programme for all S4 and Industry Mentoring for all S6. Our plan is to extend Mentoring to all S5 students for session 2018-19.

There is an Information Evening for students preparing to enter the Senior Phase on Monday, 29 January 2018 from 6.30 pm – 7.15 pm in the Assembly Hall. You are welcome to attend this event whether your son or daughter is in S3 or indeed in S4 / S5 and considering a return to Inverurie Academy in session 2018-19.

I look forward to discussing this further with you at the Senior Phase Information Evening on Monday.

Yours faithfully

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