Over the coming weeks, students in S2 will make their subject choices for next session. In preparation for this, please take the opportunity to talk to your child about what different pathways are open to them and what subjects would help them achieve the best results possible.

Please use our Armadale Academy Learning Pathways website for more information on the different subject areas:

<https://www.armadalelearningpathways.co.uk/>

The subjects that your child chooses in S3 will be the only subjects they can choose from when they move into S4 so they need to choose carefully. The only exceptions to this will be for students who pick a school/college partnership course or one of the select courses that only start in S4.

**New S3 Students should remember the following:**

* All students must continue with English, Maths and French
* All students should pick 2x Social Subjects. **The only exception to this is students who select Global Studies which follows a N4 pathway into S4. Students choosing this only pick 1 Social Subject and do not need to pick a reserve.**
* All students must pick a Science option
* All students must pick a Technology based subject
* All students must pick an Expressive subject
* All students must pick a free choice which can come from Science, Technology, Expressive plus a range of other options
* All students must pick a reserve Social Subject

**Additional Advice:**

To help us get as many students as possible their preferred options, it is important that the pick their top two choices in each column.

Students currently in S3 should think about the subjects they are strongest in to maximise their chances of success. Think about:

* Tracking reports
* Assessment results
* Future pathways to Higher and beyond
* Look at University entry requirements/College entry requirements if Further or Higher education is a pathway you are considering

**Students will be called down to the Assembly Hall where a member of the Senior Management Team, along with their Head of House, will help them make their choices. They will then bring a copy of their form home for a parent/carer to check and sign.**

**If any changes to the initial choices are made at home, please make sure they are clear and signed by a parent/carer next to the change.**

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| **Science Options** | **Technology Options** | **Expressive Options** | **Free Choice Options** |
| Biology | Photography | Art & Design 2D (drawing based) | Biology |
| Chemistry | Design & Manufacture | Art & Design 3D (sculpture based) | Chemistry |
| Physics | Media | Drama | Physics |
| Health and Science | Computing Science | Fashion & Textiles | Health and Science |
|  | Graphic Communication | Music | Photography |
|  | Music Technology | PE Aesthetics | Design & Manufacture |
|  | Practical Craft Skills (no Higher progression) | PE Games  | Media |
|  |  | Dance (No Higher progression) | Computing Science |
|  |  | School of Football (only for students currently in this class) | Graphic Communication |
|  |  |  | Music Technology |
|  |  |  | Practical Craft Skills  |
|  |  |  | Art & Design 2D (drawing based) |
|  |  |  | Art & Design 3D (sculpture based) |
|  |  |  | Drama |
|  |  |  | Fashion & Textiles |
|  |  |  | Music |
|  |  |  | PE Aesthetics |
|  |  |  | PE Games |
|  |  |  | Dance |
|  |  |  | Musical Theatre (no Higher progression) |
|  |  |  | Hospitality (no Higher progression) |
|  |  |  | Spanish |
|  |  |  | Employability HUB |

**S2 into S3 Pathway Planning**

**Thinking about your learner journey is important when thinking about your course choice for S3. Students will complete the following form in advance of making their course choice.**

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| Complete this form in PSE after researching potential career pathways and reflecting on what you want in the future. Use the Armadale Academy Learning Pathways website to explore different subject areas and My World of Work to look at potential future careers and industries you have an interest in.  |
| **LEARNER PATHWAY PLANNING** |
| Please select when you are planning to leave school | End of S4 |  | Christmas S5 |  | End of S5 |  | End of S6 |  |
| What is your preferred pathway when you leave school? | Employment |  |
| University |  |
| College |  |
| Modern Apprenticeship |  |
| Graduate Apprenticeship |  |
| Other |  |
| What industry/career area/field and/or course are you interested in pursuing? |  |
| Please write a short paragraph telling us how you plan on reaching your career goals. What qualifications/experiences do you need to help you on your journey? |  |
| What subjects do you consider to be your strength and why? | Are there any subjects you find more challenging? Why?  |

Example Form

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| **Courses 25-26** | **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** |
| Biology | Biology | Biology | Chemistry |
| Chemistry | Physics | Physics | Health & Science |
| Health & Science | Art & Design 3D | Art & Design 2D | Art & Design 3D |
| Fashion & textiles | Photography | Fashion & Textiles | Photography |
| Practical Craft Skills  | Computing | Design & Manufacture | Practical Craft Skills |
| Graphic Communication  | Design & Manufacture | Musical Theatre | Music Technology |
| Music | Music | Dance | Hospitality |
| Hospitality | Hospitality | Computing | Spanish |
| Media | PE Games | PE Games | Computing |
| PE Games | School of Football | Drama | PE Aesthetics |
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| First Choice |  |  |  |  |
| Reserve Choice |  |  |  |  |

**Students in S3 all study Maths, English and French along with 2 Social Subjects. Please select your preference of Social Subjects below, as well as a reserve choice, by placing 1 next to your top choice, 2 next to your second choice and R next to your reserve:**

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| **Example** | **Example 2** |
|  History | **1** | History |  |
| Modern Studies | **2** | Modern Studies |  |
| RMPS | **R** | RMPS |  |
| Business Management |  | Business Management |  |
| Admin & IT |  | Admin & IT |  |
| Global Studies |  | Global Studies | **1** |

**Checklist**

**Have you?:**

|  |  |
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| Picked a Science |   |
| Picked a Technology |  |
| Picked an Expressive |  |
| Picked your free choice |  |
| Picked 2 Social Subjects or picked Global Studies |  |
| Picked a reserve Social Subject |  |