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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are writing to make you aware of the Post 16 Options schedule which will commence this term. Post 16 is an exciting time as the boys will be deciding on what subject areas they want to focus on for their future career paths when they leave Belfast Boys' Model.

At Belfast Boys' Model School, we aim to ensure that each pupil follows a broad and balanced curriculum, that provides them with the excellent qualifications and skills necessary to progress to Further & Higher Education, Apprenticeships or employment and their future career pathway.

Pupils will receive a range of support & guidance as they make their choices and we encourage them to make the best choice for them, after speaking with their parents/guardians and teachers. All boys have a Focus on the Future interview with a member of the Senior Careers team. We try to offer flexibility and choice to meet pupils' needs and we will guide your son every step of the way

This table details all the sessions/events your son will be taking part in to help them with their Post 16 subject choices:

Date	Session/Event
19 th February	Careers Convention – 45+ employers, Higher & Further Education providers
26 th February	Subject Fair – pupils can talk to pupils currently studying the subject – <i>what the subject is like; skills to be successful and assessment format.</i> All boys will be given a hard copy booklet of the Post 16 subjects on offer at this event. Please read through this carefully with your son.
3 rd March	Assembly – new subject presentations; explanation of process – how to vote using MS Forms on Year 12 Team <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Round 1 voting opens – open vote with all subjects listed. Deadline 5th March• Boys must choose 3 subjects• If choosing a BTEC National Diploma, e.g. IT, Sports Studies, Travel & Tourism or Uniformed Protective Services this counts for 2 subject choices – boys will only choose 1 other subject.
5 th March	Enrichment Fair – pupils can talk to pupils taking part in each of the Enrichment options, as well as to all outside providers, e.g. Streetbeat, RCity
10 th March	Final Choice Subject Choice Form issued: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subjects in block format. Deadline 12th March• Boys must choose 1 subject per block• Double Award subjects must be chosen in 2 blocks
10 th – 13 th March	Focus on the Future interviews – <i>pupils will be interviewed by a member of the Senior Careers Team to discuss their options, pathways, etc.</i> Parents MUST attend this interview.

We hope this gives you an indication of what to expect. Further guidelines will be added to our school website – Parents – Subject Choices 2025, at each stage.

If you have any questions at any stage, please email Mrs. Deehan – kdeehan546@c2ken.net or Mrs. Ryan (Curriculum Leader, Careers) - nryan320@c2ken.net

Your Sincerely

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