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Dear Parents,

Course Choice Presentations (virtual)
Thursday 6th January 2022
5:30pm (current S2 pupils)
6:15pm (current S3-5 pupils)

I write to invite you and your children to attend the above online presentations, which gives parents and pupils an opportunity to find out about the process for choosing their options for S3 and Senior Phase (S4, 5 and 6) for 2022-23.

In these presentations, Ms Morrison (current S2), Ms Hegarty (current S3-5) and I will explain:
- how the timetable is organised for your year group
- the options available to each year group
- how to find out about courses (including those at other Orkney schools and Orkney College for S4-6)
- support available in making course decisions
- how to make your choices

There will then be an opportunity for parents and pupils to ask questions.

The presentations are expected to take about half an hour, depending how many questions there are.

Given the current circumstances, the presentations will be held online, using software called VScene. Details of how to join us are below. If you do not have a suitable device on which to join us, please contact the School Office to arrange to borrow a school laptop.
They presentations will be recorded and posted on the school website for anyone who is unable to attend live. Following the presentations, Course Choice brochures will also be on the website.

There will then be a further evening, on Thursday 14th January, when you will be able to book individual appointments with Principal Teachers of school subjects and Lecturers from Orkney College to ask any course-specific questions you have.
For your information, the deadlines for submission of course choices are
Current S2 choices for S3 2022-23   Friday 4th March 2022
Current S3/4/5 choices for S4/5/6 2022-23   Friday 25th February 2022

I look forward to seeing you in January and wish you and your family a Happy Christmas.

Jane Partridge

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Head Teacher

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6:15pm (current S3-5 pupils) Link to join: https://app.vscene.net/r/PlfUWpWO5N

How to join the meeting

We are meeting using software called VScene. When you join the meeting, you can choose whether your camera and microphone are turned on; if you just wish to listen in, that is fine. You can join the meeting in any of the 3 ways listed below; the meeting room is open in advance so that you can try it out.
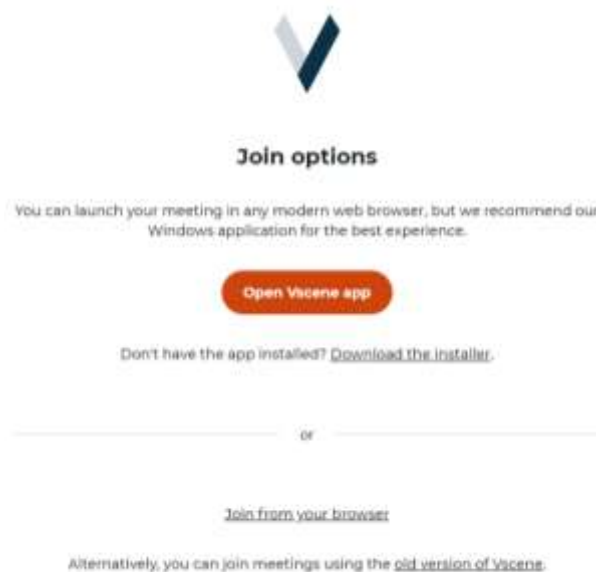
Using a web browser on a laptop/tablet

Please check that your operating system/browser combination are supported: https://vscene.net/browser-requirements/

To join the meeting, click the link next to the correct meeting for your child's current year group at the top of this page. It will take you directly to join our meeting room.

The first screen asks you to choose whether you will join the meeting from your web browser, or download the VScene App. You can choose either, but installing the app will take a little time.

The next screen asks you to enter the name you want to be identified by on screen, and choose camera and microphone settings.

VScene help on joining by browser is here: https://vscene.net/join-by-browser/

Using the VScene App on a mobile phone
You will need to download the VScene App from the App Store or Google Play before you can join the meeting.

Once the app is loaded, you can use the browser link:
https://app.vscene.net/r/QCc4KZMUPd to join the S2 meeting or
https://app.vscene.net/r/PlfUWpWO5N to join the S3-5 meeting.

Alternatively, you can manually type in the room key:
1423585 to join the S2 meeting or
1468047 to join the S3-5 meeting.

VScene help on joining using the mobile app is here: https://vscene.net/joining-a-call-from-ios-android/

Using a landline phone
S2 meeting: Call +44 (0) 300 201 0142, then enter: 1423585#
S3-5 meeting: Call +44 (0) 300 201 0142, then enter: 1468047#