Curriculum Structure Change S1-S4 January 2025	 **One Peebles**	Wisdom Compassion Integrity Justice

We are making some improvements to how our school curriculum is structured. We believe this is the best way for us to deliver our One Peebles Vision in relation to:

- Curriculum: we provide a varied curriculum that meets the needs of every learner, as well as enabling and inspiring learners to reach their full potential
- Attainment: we ensure that all learners make very good progress from their prior levels of attainment.

- ✓ We want our S3 pupils to be better prepared for National Qualifications in S4, S5 and S6. This means providing more specialism in S3.
- ✓ We plan to offer a longer, broad curriculum in S1-2 where pupils have greater opportunity to experience all subject areas.
- ✓ We want to offer increased choice in S4 so that pupils have more options open to them.

This will:

- bring PHS more into line with the national picture
- respond to attainment data
- address the parent consultation in 2020 on the curriculum structure
- create space for a broader curriculum and more varied courses.

We are moving to the following structure:

- S1/S2 - full Broad General Education (as we currently have in S1).
- S3 - English and Maths +7 subjects (choices organised into 9 columns).
- S4 - English and Maths +5 subjects (choices organised into 7 columns).
- S5-6 – 6 columns (no change).

Why is there no change to current S1 and S3?

- The current S2 year group will be the first year group to have 7 columns and will have a course choice before Easter.

- The current S3 courses are not well enough aligned to National Qualifications (NQs) in relation to the time allocated. Each subject has 2 periods a week, which is not enough to prepare fully for NQs in S4 with 4 periods which is what the allocation is with 7 columns.

- The current S1 year group are preparing for their course choices and we do not think it is a good idea to change these arrangements mid-session. The current S1 year group will choose again when they reach the end of S2.

- The current P7 year group will be the first to not drop subjects at the end of S1, and will choose at the end of S2.

- To best support S2 pupils and parents through this period of change, we will bring forward S2 reports and introduce S2 course choice in February. This will be communicated.

  Once the exact number of periods including core subjects (PE, PSE, RMPS) has been agreed, we will provide an update. We will continue to communicate with students and parents, and all the information will be made available on the school's website.

  We are grateful for your continued support as we work together to create improved outcomes for all our students.