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Dear Parent / Carer,

Consultation: Renfrewshire Schools/West College Scotland, Senior Pupil Course Programme

Renfrewshire Council's Education and Leisure Service is seeking the views of learners in S3-5 and their parents with regards to the future school/college course programme (from August 2015 onwards). This programme is currently available to seniors in S5/6 through columns D and E of their timetables.

We are carrying out this consultation because we are committed to supporting our senior phase learners to move into a positive destination and we see close partnership working with our local college as key in this. In 2013/14, 92% of Renfrewshire school leavers moved into a positive destination when they left school. Although this represents an improving picture and is Renfrewshire's highest on record, it is slightly below the Scottish average of 92.3%.

The Council is keen to use stakeholder views to provide West College Scotland with information to help it provide the most relevant and appropriate school/college courses. Our aspiration for the future is that the school/college programme offers something for **all** learners in the senior phase; across a range of curricular and vocational areas and covering a range of levels of study which supports each individual to progress into their chosen post-school destination. Our hope is that the consultation exercise will generate useful information that will help both the Council and West College Scotland to make informed plans around the delivery of courses and targeted programmes.

We are keen to get as many responses from parents and pupils as possible so are using a variety of media. The consultation comprises 12 questions and can be found online at: https://hass.eu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_af79Uu3bvoc9but. Alternatively, those with the appropriate QR reader 'app' on a tablet/mobile device can use the following QR code to access the consultation:



In addition, it is our intention to send all parents of S3/4/5 pupils a SMS text message in the middle of January which will contain an electronic link to the consultation for those with 'smart phones'.

Alternatively, paper copies can be obtained from the school office and should be returned to the school office once completed. Please note that the deadline for this consultation exercise is Monday 26th January for paper copies; however the online version will close on Wednesday 28th January 2015.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Yours faithfully,



Lynne Hollywood

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