



S3

Course Choice

Booklet

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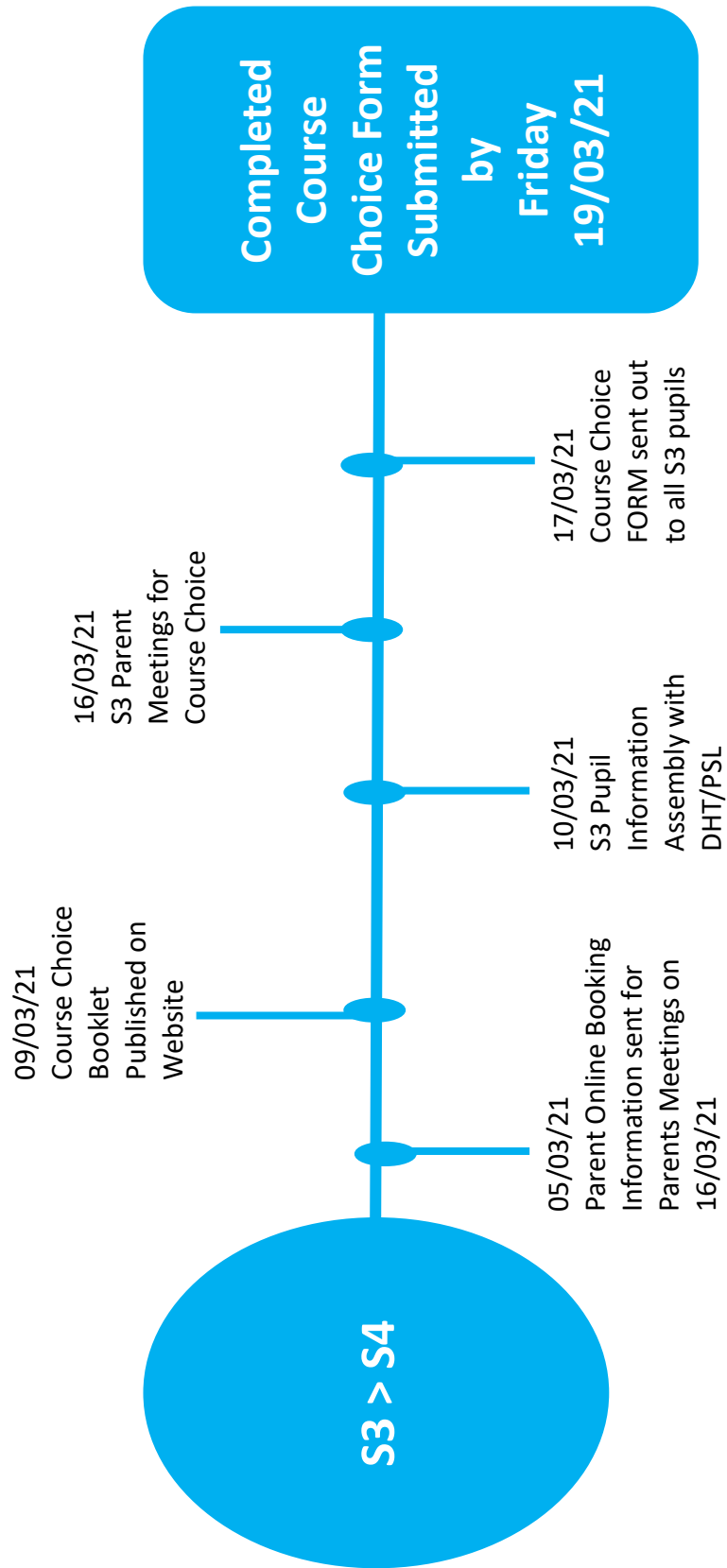
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Course Choice Timeline for S3 into S4



Curriculum and Pathways

Your Journey

S4 is arguably the most important year of your school life. It marks the beginning of your Senior Phase and for almost all, it will be the first time you will be working towards formal National Qualifications. As a result, S4 pupils often experience a 'gear change' in mindset and work rate and have commented on a different level of intensity in their learning and assessment. Therefore, in order to make sure S4 is as successful as possible we want to make sure we get the course choice process right from the start of it.

Curriculum Rationale

To enable all young people to achieve successful outcomes regardless of ability or background.

Curriculum Objectives

As a result of the current COVID crisis, we are all facing a period of uncertainty about what the next few years might look like. We know that there are going to be a number of societal and economic factors that may affect your outcomes and therefore course choice this year is perhaps more important than in previous years. To achieve our overall aim we have identified 3 objectives that should influence your choices.

1. To provide a clear learning pathway to a positive destination. These include:
 - Employment or Training
 - Modern Apprenticeship
 - College or Further Education
 - University or Higher Education
2. To have a positive ethos of learning and engagement in our school. This is usually achieved by ongoing events and activities in and out of the classroom that enhance pupils' experiences and outcomes. We hope we can gradually begin to increase our wider curriculum offering to pupils as we move out of COVID with more flexible options becoming available in due course.
3. Close the poverty related attainment gap. It is well documented that pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds do not gain same level or amount of qualifications as those from more affluent areas. Our Curriculum is designed as to maximise learning opportunities by providing disproportionate opportunities for 'catch up' activities that enhance life chances.

Making the right choice

Pupils will make 6 subject choices and have 4 periods a week for each subject. English and Maths are compulsory at this stage therefore **pupils will pick 4 subjects with 2 reserve subjects**. ESOL may replace English for some pupils.

Prior to making **your** choices consider the following overarching principles:

1. Career Education

As pupils progress through their Senior Phase, one of our objectives is to ensure each pupil is matched into one of four pathways:

- Employment or Training
- Modern Apprenticeship
- College or Further Education
- University or Higher Education

The starting point for all pupils is look at the career you are interested in the future. This will then inform the subjects and combination of subjects you should take to ensure you have skills and knowledge to progress in the future. We work very closely with Skills Development Scotland and our school Careers Advisor is Jo Holmes. Jo is available for an informal discussion, application support or more in depth and ongoing advice. All her details can be found on the school website.

2. Aspirations

Matching subject choice to your interests, your skills and your future aspirations keeps you motivated and engaged. Make sure you read the Course Descriptor for each subject, what the course content is and whether you like that kind of work. Then, based on the how you have been working in S1, S2 and S3, decide if that subject is going to give you the best chance of the highest possible attainment.

It is much better to choose subjects where there is a chance of gaining a National 5 rather than opting for a National 4

3. Progression and Continuity

As a result of the disruption brought about by COVID-19, we strongly recommend that you continue with subjects you had selected in S3 if your teacher is in agreement that this is the most meaningful pathway. This ensures that progression of knowledge and skills is continued into S4 and that you are giving yourself the best possible chance to attain National Qualifications and improve your outcomes. Where that is not possible your PSL will discuss with you the next steps.

4. Balance - Breadth of Experiences

If you are not entirely clear on what your future might look like, you may want to keep your options open in terms of the future, and so, picking a range of courses that create a breadth of experiences and a portfolio of skills and knowledge is a wise option.

What you need to do next

As our Course Choice process is now online you will need access to an internet enabled device to ensure you complete the process effectively.

Step 1 The Course Choice booklet for S3 will be published on our website on 9th March 2021. You should spend some time looking through the various subjects.

Step 2 We have planned separate online events for pupils and for parents and carers on the 10th March and 16th March respectively - see timeline on page 2.

Step 3 If you require any additional support at this stage, email

Ms Dancer	–	S3 Year Head
Ms MacLennan	–	Support for Learning
Skills Development Scotland	–	Jo Holmes

Step 4 We will send you a link to a Microsoft Form with details how to complete and submit the course choice process. This will be posted on all our platforms - website, Facebook and text messaging service on **Wednesday 17^h March 2021**. ***Please remember you will be only be allowed to submit the form once so choose carefully***

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	Administrative Theory and Practices	Administrative Practices	Administrative Practices
Unit 2	IT Solutions for Administrators	IT Solutions for Administrators	IT Solutions for Administrators
Unit 3	Communication in Administration	Communication in Administration	Communication in Administration
Final Assessment	Assignment + Question Paper	Assignment + Question Paper	Added Value Unit: Administration and IT Assignment

What skills will I develop?

An understanding of administration in the workplace and of the attributes required of good administration. Knowledge and understanding of key legislation affecting organisations and employee. Knowledge and understanding the benefits to organisations of good customer care. IT skills in word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentations, desktop publishing in familiar and some unfamiliar contexts. The ability to use IT skills in more complex administrative tasks

Organisational skills in the context of organising and supporting events. The ability to use technology appropriately for communication and investigation in familiar and some unfamiliar contexts. Skills in organising, processing and communicating information in largely familiar contexts. Knowledge and understanding of social issues such as business use of IT and the impacts of IT. Problem-solving, team-working and using initiative

During a pupils learner journey they may find that a full course fits in with their abilities and aspirations. In other cases, our curriculum is equipped to deliver part courses to ensure pupils achieve accreditation through units at the various levels.

Pupils who enjoy *Administration & IT* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Administrative Assistant, Airport Information Assistant, Civil Service, Company Secretary, Customer Service Manager

For more information about *Administration & IT* please speak to:

Mrs Valentine, Teacher of Business Education

Course Content and Assessment

	Advanced Higher	Higher	National 5	National 3/4
Expressive Unit	Expressive Portfolio (external) or	Expressive Portfolio (external)	Expressive Portfolio (external)	Expressive Portfolio (internal)
Design Unit	Design Portfolio (external)	Design Portfolio (external)	Design Portfolio (external)	Design Portfolio (internal)
Question Paper	Contextual Analysis (external)	Examination (external)	Examination (external)	N/A

What skills will I develop?

Respond to an Expressive theme and Design brief in an effective and imaginative way
 Communicate personal thoughts, feelings and ideas effectively and skilfully in Expressive and Design activities
 Demonstrate problem solving, critical thinking and decision-making skills in Expressive and Design activities
 Understand how artists and designers use materials and techniques for creative and visual effect
 Understand and analyse the impact of artists' and designers' creative choices in Expressive Art and Design works
 Plan, develop, produce and present creative Expressive Art and Design work
 Use Expressive Art and Design materials, techniques and technology in a creative and skilful way
 Reflect on and evaluate your own Art and Design work
 Understand and analyse the influence of social and cultural factors on Expressive Art and Design practice

Pupils who enjoy *Art & Design* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Graphic design, product design, fashion design, jewellery design, interior design, architecture, multimedia design, web design, games design, illustration, animation, commercial art, photography, hair and beauty, body art, floristry, teaching, or a route into college/university.

For more information about *Art & Design* please speak to:

Miss Ogston, Expressive Arts Curriculum Leader

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	DNA and the Genome	Cell Biology	Cell Biology
Unit 2	Metabolism and Survival	Multicellular Organisms	Multicellular Organisms
Unit 3	Sustainability and Interdependence	Life on Earth	Life on Earth
Final Assessment	Assignment + Exam	Assignment + Exam	Added Value Unit: Biology Assignment

What skills will I develop?

A deeper knowledge and understanding of biology
 A deeper understanding of biology's role in scientific issues
 An understanding of biology in society and the environment
 Scientific inquiry skills to plan and carry out experiments
 Scientific analytical thinking skills in a biology context
 The ability to use technology, equipment and materials, in scientific activities
 Problem solving skills in biology context
 Use and understand scientific literacy, to communicate ideas and issues
 Finding associations and investigating models in real life contexts
 The knowledge and skills for more advanced learning in biology
 The ability to review science-based claims in media reports
 Evaluating environmental and scientific issues
 Risk assessment and decision making

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Pupils who enjoy *Biology* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Working with animals, Environmental Science, Healthcare & Medicine, Sports Science, Food and Drink industry and many others.

For more information about *Biology* please speak to:

Mrs Mills, Curriculum Leader, Sciences

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	Understanding Business	Understanding Business	Business in Action
Unit 2	Management of People and Finance	Management of People and Finance	Influences on Business
Unit 3	Management of Marketing and Operations	Management of Marketing and Operations	N/A
Final Assessment	Assignment + Question Paper	Assignment + Question Paper	Added Value Unit

What skills will I develop?

The ways in which society relies on business and other organisations to satisfy its needs. A range of methods businesses and other organisations use to ensure customer's needs are met. Enterprising skills and attributes by studying relatively complex business issues. Business-related financial matters. The ways businesses and other organisations can use resources to achieve maximum efficiency. The steps taken by businesses and other organisations to improve overall performance and effectiveness. The main effects that external influences, such as economic impact and sustainability, have on large organisations. The use of ICT to support business function. Management styles business manager use to motivate staff.

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Pupils who enjoy *Business Management* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Advertising Accounts Manager, Bank Manager, Self Employed, Hotel Manager, Human Resources Manager, Leisure Centre Manager, Project Manager

For more information about *Business Management* please speak to:

Mrs Valentine, Teacher of Business Education

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	Chemical Changes and Structure	Chemical Changes and Structure	Chemical Changes and Structure
Unit 2	Nature's Chemistry	Nature's Chemistry	Nature's Chemistry
Unit 3	Chemistry in Society	Chemistry in Society	Chemistry in Society
Unit 4	Researching Chemistry	N/A	N/A
Final Assessment	Assignment + Question Paper	Assignment + Question Paper	Added Value Unit: Chemistry Assignment

What skills will I develop?

Application of knowledge to new situations and a more advanced understanding of chemistry and its impact
 Scientific inquiry and investigation skills
 Scientific analytical thinking skills
 The ability to use technology, equipment and materials
 Questioning and independent thinking
 Problem-solving in a chemistry context
 Using and understanding scientific literacy in everyday contexts
 Planning experiments to test hypotheses or illustrate effects
 Recording observations
 Collecting, processing and analysing data
 Making predictions and generalisations based on evidence
 Drawing valid conclusions with explanations and evidence
 Risk assessment and decision making

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Pupils who enjoy *Chemistry* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Materials science, Engineering, Healthcare & Medicine, Manufacturing industry, Food & Drink industry and many others.

For more information about *Chemistry* please speak to:

Mrs Mills, Curriculum Leader, Sciences
 Dr Fulton, Teacher of Chemistry

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	Software Design and Development	Software Design and Development	Software Design and Development
Unit 2	Information System Design and Development	Information System Design and Development	Information System Design and Development
Unit 3	Web Design	Web Design	N/A
Unit 4	Computer Systems	Computer Systems	N/A
Final Assessment	Assignment + Question Paper	Assignment & Question Paper	Added Value Unit: Computing Science Assignment

What skills will I develop?

Understanding of the technologies that underpin the digital world
 Essential skills for everyday life
 Understanding and applying computational processes and thinking
 Knowledge and understanding of key facts and ideas in computing science
 Analysing, designing, modelling, implementing, testing and evaluating digital solutions (including computer programs) to problems
 Reading and interpreting code. Computational thinking
 Programming skills and software and information system design
 Communicating computing concepts and computational behaviour
 Planning researching, organising and problem-solving with complex features
 Understanding the impact of computing science on our society
 Understanding the legal and environmental implications of IT
 Understanding information representation and transfer

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Pupils who enjoy *Computing Science* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Games Developer, Software Development, Web Designer, Computer Programmer, Systems Analyst

For more information about *Computing Science* please speak to:

Ms Corrigan, Curriculum Leader of Maths and Technologies

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	N/A	Design Package	Design Package
Unit 2	N/A	Materials and Manufacturing	Materials and Manufacturing
Unit 3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Final Assessment	N/A	Question Paper + Assignment	Added Value Unit: Design and Manufacture Assignment

What skills will I develop?

Skills in design and manufacturing of straightforward models, prototypes and products
 Knowledge and understanding of manufacturing processes and materials
 An understanding of the impact of design and manufacturing technologies on our environment and society
 Knowledge and understanding of industrial designers and commercial production
 The ability to devise design and manufacturing solutions to more complex practical problems
 The ability to select and use a range of tools, equipment, software and materials
 The ability to use modelling and manufacturing techniques in 3D
 The ability to communicate design proposals
 Creativity in an exciting and dynamics technological context
 The ability to evaluate and apply suggestions for improvement
 The ability to read drawings and diagrams
 Planning analysing and evaluation skills

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Pupils who enjoy *Design & Manufacture* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Architecture, Automotive Designs, Engineering

For more information about *Design & Manufacture* please speak to:

Mr Stanley, Teacher of Craft, Design and Technology

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	Drama Skills	Drama Skills	Drama Skills (mandatory)
Unit 2	Production Sills	Production Skills	Production Skills (mandatory)
Final Assessment	External: Practical Exam + Question Paper	External: Question Paper + PFP, Practical Exam	Internal: Added Value Unit Practical Assessment

What skills will I develop?

A range of practical skills in creating and presenting drama
 Knowledge, understanding and the use of a range of drama production skills
 Creativity and the ability to express himself/herself in different ways
 Knowledge and understanding of social and cultural influence on drama
 The ability to respond to stimuli when creating drama
 Knowledge and understanding of form, structure, genre, style
 The ability to generate and communicate meaning, thoughts and ideas when creating drama
 Voice, movement and characterisation skills
 Design Skills
 Directing Skills
 The ability to work collaboratively, sharing and using drama ideas
 Problem-solving, reflection, analysing and evaluation skills

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Pupils who enjoy *Drama* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Acting, Directing, Producing, Press & Marketing, Journalism, Design for Theatre/film and television, HR, Communication, Public Relations, Law, Teaching

For more information about *Drama* please speak to:

Miss Ogston, Expressive Arts Curriculum Leader

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	“Spoken Language” (combined speaking and listening) Pass/Fail	“Spoken Language” (combined speaking and listening) Pass/Fail	Analysis and Evaluation
Unit 2	N/A	N/A	Creation and Production
Unit 3	N/A	N/A	Literacy
Final Assessment	Course Assessment: Portfolio of work + Question Paper	Course Assessment: Portfolio of work + Question Paper	Added Value Unit: English Assignment

What skills will I develop?

Understanding, explaining, analysis and evaluating detailed texts (language, literature and media) both orally and in writing. Creating, structuring and producing straightforward texts for different purposes. Developing detailed language skills in literature and media contexts. Using different media for learning and communication. Identifying sources, selecting and using information.

Social and interpersonal skills. Planning, researching and decision-making. Effective questioning and reflection. Justifying ideas with evidence. Communicating ideas, feelings and information orally and in writing with technical accuracy. Understanding how language works. Developing cultural awareness. Using creative and critical thinking to synthesise ideas and arguments

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Pupils who enjoy *English* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Digital copywriter, Editorial Assistant, EAL Teacher, Journalist, Web Content Manager

For more information about *English* please speak to:

Mr Reid, Curriculum Leader, Languages Faculty

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4	National 3
Unit 1	ESOL in Context	ESOL in Context	ESOL in Context	ESOL in Context
Unit 2	ESOL in Everyday Life	ESOL in Everyday Life	ESOL in Everyday Life	ESOL in Everyday Life
Unit 3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Final Assessment	Question Papers + Talking Assessment	Question Papers + Talking Assessment	Added Value Unit	N/A

What skills will I develop?

Developing specialised vocabulary.

Greater accuracy in the 4 main literacy skills: reading, writing, listening and talking.

Understand more detailed written and spoken texts in the contexts of everyday life and familiar contexts of work and study.

Interact with others showing better understanding and using more detailed spoken English in the context of everyday life, and work and study.

Applying knowledge and understanding of language in written and spoken English.

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Pupils who enjoy *ESOL* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Interpreter, EAL Teacher, Hospitality and Tourism, Retail, Customer Services

For more information about *ESOL* please speak to:

Mr Reid, Curriculum Leader, Languages Faculty

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	Society	Reading	Understanding Language (reading and listening)
Unit 2	Learning	Writing	Using Languages (talking and writing)
Unit 3	Employability	Listening	N/A
Unit 4	Culture	Assignment Writing/Performance Talking	N/A
Course Assessment	Unit assessments: Reading, Direct Writing, Listening, Speaking Final Exam	Unit assessments: Reading, Talking, Speaking, Writing Final Exam	AVU: Investigation of a chosen topic Talking performance

What topics will I cover?

The content of the senior phase will cover various topics within four main real-life contexts:

Society, Learning, Employability, Culture

What skills will I develop?

Pupils in S3 who have chosen French will continue to develop their competence in the skills of listening and talking, reading and writing. They will engage with French in real life contexts and through a range of transactional conversations and activities. Experiences and outcomes for S3 pupils may include:

Working in groups to deliver oral presentations, making video films, reading from a variety media and developing essential writing skills. Pupils are actively encouraged to communicate in French within the classroom and to develop their confidence in speaking through a wide variety of teaching approaches.

During a pupils learner journey they may find that a full course fits in with their abilities and aspirations. In other cases, our curriculum is equipped to deliver part courses to ensure pupils achieve accreditation through units at the various levels.

Pupils who enjoy *French* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Travel writer, food critic, translator, lawyer, teacher, doctor, marketing manager, video-games tester

For more information about *French* please speak to:

Mr Reid, Curriculum Leader, Languages Faculty

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	Scottish History	Historical Study : Scottish	Historical Study : Scottish
Unit 2	British History	Historical Study: British	Historical Study: British
Unit 3	European and World History	Historical Study European and World	Historical Study European and World
Final Assessment	Assignment + Question Paper	Assignment +Question Paper	Added Value Unit: History Assignment

What skills will I develop?

Exploring, analysing, describing, explaining.
 Developing a detailed knowledge and understanding of historical themes and event.
 Evaluating the impact of historical developments.
 Evaluating the origin purpose, content/context of historical sources.
 Handling a variety of primary and secondary sources e.g. print, photographs, artefacts, newspaper archives, oral recordings.
 Comparing and contextualising those sources and drawing reasoned conclusions from them.
 Presenting information and views.
 Researching, organising and analysing information.
 Decision-making and problem-solving.
 Communicating for different purposes.
 Thinking independently.

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Pupils who enjoy *History* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Journalism, Tourism, Cultural Heritage, Law, Restoration Work, Civil Service

For more information about *History* please speak to:

Mrs Oliver, History Teacher, Social Studies

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	N/A	Cake Baking	N/A
Unit 2	N/A	Cake Finishing	N/A
Unit 3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Final Assessment	N/A	Assignment, Question Paper + Practical Assessment	N/A

What skills will I develop?

A range of practical food preparation skills and techniques using appropriate tools and equipment
 Knowledge and understanding of the functional properties of food
 The ability to prepare food safely and hygienically
 Organisational skills in planning, preparing and evaluating food products and processes
 The ability to produce food products which meet individual needs
 The ability to use personal creativity to design, make and evaluate cake products

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Pupils who enjoy *Practical Cake Craft* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Chef, Baker, Food Developer, Food Stylist, Home Economics Teacher

For more information about *Practical Cake Craft* please speak to:

Miss Tugman, Curriculum Leader, Health and Wellbeing

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	N/A	Cookery Skills, Techniques and Processes	Cookery Skills, Techniques and Processes
Unit 2	N/A	Organisational Skills for Cooking	Organisational Skills for Cooking
Unit 3	N/A	Understanding and Using Ingredients	Understanding and Using Ingredients
Final Assessment	N/A	Assignment, Question Paper + Practical Assessment	Practical Assessment

What skills will I develop?

Knowledge and understanding of the relationships between health, food and nutrition
 The ability to produce food products which meet individual needs in range of contexts
 A range of practical food preparation skills and techniques using appropriate tools and equipment
 Knowledge and understanding of the functional properties of food
 Knowledge and understanding of consumer food issues, choices and rights
 The ability to prepare food safely and hygienically
 Organisational skills in planning, preparing and evaluating food products and processes
 Problem-solving for straightforward health, food, nutrition and consumer needs
 Understanding on how the production of food can impact on the environment
 The ability to cost recipes to ensure profits
 The ability to produce food products which meet individual needs in straightforward contexts

During a pupils learner journey they may find that a full course fits in with their abilities and aspirations. In other cases, our curriculum is equipped to deliver part courses to ensure pupils achieve accreditation through units at the various levels.

Pupils who enjoy *Practical Cookery* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Chef, Baker, Butcher, Food Developer, Home Economics Teacher

For more information about *Practical Cookery* please speak to:

Miss Tugman, Curriculum Leader, Health and Wellbeing

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	N/A	Developing Skills for Working in Hospitality	Working in the Hospitality Industry
Unit 2	N/A	Developing Skills for Working in the Professional Kitchen	Working in the Professional Kitchen
Unit 3	N/A	Front of House Operations	Working Front of House
Unit 4	N/A	Hospitality Events	Introduction to Events
Final Assessment	N/A	Ongoing internal assessment	Ongoing internal assessment

What skills will I develop?

Provide learners with an introduction to the different sectors of the hospitality industry
 Provide opportunities to prepare for an experience a job interview
 Allow learners to experience vocationally related learning
 Encourage learners to take responsibility for their own learning and development
 Provide opportunities to develop a range of core skills
 Facilitate progression to further education and/or training

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Pupils who enjoy *Hospitality: Skills for Work* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Event Planning/Coordinating, Chef, Front of House, Hotel Management

For more information about *Hospitality: Skills for Work* please speak to:

Miss Tugman, Curriculum Leader, Health and Wellbeing

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	Expressions and Functions	Expressions and Formulae	Expressions and Formulae
Unit 2	Relationships and Calculus	Relationships	Relationships
Unit 3	Applications	Applications	Numeracy
Final Assessment	Non-calculator Exam Calculator Exam	Non-calculator Exam Calculator Exam	Added Value Unit: In-class Mathematics Test

What skills will I develop?

Understanding and applying mathematical skills in number, algebra, geometry, trigonometry and statistics
 Simplifying and solving problems
 Selecting and applying mathematical techniques to real-life contexts
 Making connections and informed predictions
 Using mathematical language and exploring mathematical ideas
 Resilience and confidence in problem-solving
 Analytical and evaluative skills
 Interpreting, communicating and managing information in mathematical form
 Logical reasoning skills. Assessing risk and making informed decisions
 Creativity and the ability to think in abstract ways

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Pupils who enjoy *Mathematics* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Accountancy, Banking, Computing, Engineering, Maths Teachers, Insurance (Actuary), Statistician, Sales, HR, Admin

For more information about *Mathematics* please speak to:

Ms Corrigan, Curriculum Leader, Mathematics

Course Content and Assessment

	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	Analysis of Media Context	Creating media content—internally assessed pass/fail
Unit 2	Role of the Media	Analysing media content—internally assessed pass/fail
Unit 3	Assignment	N/A
Final Assessment	Exam	Added Value Unit

Media is everywhere; it is the films we watch, the newspapers we read, the adverts we are bombarded with. Media Studies is the study of communication in the form of film, TV, advertisements and print media. During the course, learners will become media literate and will develop production skills.

What skills will I develop?

Identifying audience and purpose. The ability to critically analyse the role of media in society. Communication and interpersonal skills. The ability to analyse media content. Justifying ideas with evidence. Using creative skills to design own media content. Communicating ideas and opinions towards different media content. Developing cultural awareness. Developing awareness of bias. Applying knowledge and understanding of the key aspects of media literacy to the analysis of a print text.

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Pupils who enjoy *Media* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Journalist, digital production, screen writer, TV/ film makeup artist / radio broadcaster, producer

For more information about *Media* please speak to:

Mr Reid, Curriculum Leader, Languages Faculty

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	Democracy in Scotland and The United Kingdom	Democracy in Scotland and The United Kingdom	Democracy in Scotland and The United Kingdom
Unit 2	Social Issues in The United Kingdom	Social Issues in The United Kingdom	Social Issues in The United Kingdom
Unit 3	International Issues	International Issues	International Issues
Final Assessment	Added Value Unit: Assignment + Question Paper	Added Value Unit: Assignment + Question Paper	Added Value Unit: Modern Studies Assignment

What skills will I develop?

Detailed knowledge and understanding of the main democratic processes, institutions and organisations in Scotland and/or the UK.

Detailed knowledge and understanding of social and economic issues at local, Scottish, national and international levels and ways of addressing needs and inequalities.

Awareness of different views about the extent of state involvement in society.

The ability to detect and explain bias and exaggeration.

An awareness of the nature and processes of conflict resolution.

Straightforward understanding of human and legal rights and responsibilities and their application in different societies.

A range of research and information handling skills.

The ability to draw valid conclusions from evidence.

Critical thinking skills such as explaining, analysing, evaluating.

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Pupils who enjoy *Modern Studies* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Law, Journalism, Social Work, Police, Administration, Management, Civil Service

For more information about *Modern Studies* please speak to:

Mr Sinclair, Curriculum Leader, Social Studies

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	Performing Skills (Exam)	Performing Skills (Exam)	Performing Skills
Unit 2	Composing Skills Assignment (sent away)	Composing Skills Assignment (sent away)	Composing Skills
Unit 3	Understanding Music Listening Exam	Understanding Music - Listening Exam	Understanding Music
Final Assessment	Assessment: Performance + Question Paper + Composition	Assessment: Performance + Question Paper + Composition	Assessment: Performance + Question Paper + Composition

What skills will I develop?

Sufficiently accurate performing skills in solo at N5 on two selected instruments or on one instrument and voice.
 The ability to create original music using compositional methods and music concepts when composing.
 Deeper knowledge and understanding of the social and cultural factors influencing music.
 Deeper knowledge and understanding of music and musical literacy by listening to music.
 Identifying level-specific annotated music signs, symbols, concepts and styles.
 Understanding the creative process and expressing him or herself through music.
 Personal creativity and applying music concepts to personal practice.
 Critical and analytical listening skills and evaluation for improvement.

Pupils who enjoy *Music* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Sound Engineer, Digital Developer, Manager/Agent, Teacher/Tutor, Musician/Performer, DJ, Sales & Marketing, Events Organiser, Merchandiser, Press & Promotions, Music Journalist, Technician.

For more information about *Music* please speak to:

Miss Ogston, Expressive Arts Curriculum Leader

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	Performance Skills	Performance Skills	Performance Skills
Unit 2	Factors Impacting on Performance	Factors Impacting on Performance	Factors Impacting on Performance
Unit 3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Final Assessment	Performance + Question Paper	Course Assessment: Performance + Portfolio	Added Value Unit: Performance

What skills will I develop?

Effective and safe performance in a comprehensive range of physical activities
 Understanding impacts on performance (wellbeing factors)
 Positive attitudes, fitness, self-reliance and self-management
 Recording, monitoring and evaluating to enhance performance
 Researching to develop knowledge, understanding and skills
 Decision-making and problem-solving
 Selecting, applying and adapting skills
 Planning, preparing and organisational skills
 Carrying out roles and responsibilities
 Demonstrating appropriate etiquette and following rules and guidelines
 Communication and interpersonal skills to build positive relationships
 Demonstrating initiative and Strategic skills
 Confidence and creativity
 Analysis and evaluation

During a pupils learner journey they may find that a full course fits in with their abilities and aspirations. In other cases, our curriculum is equipped to deliver part courses to ensure pupils achieve accreditation through units at the various levels.

Pupils who enjoy *Physical Education* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Teacher, Sports Coach, Personal Training, Military, Manager, Emergency Services

For more information about *Physical Education* please speak to:

Miss Paton, Curriculum Leader, Health and Wellbeing

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	N/A	N/A	Flat-Frame Construction
Unit 2	N/A	N/A	Carcase Construction
Unit 3	N/A	N/A	Machine and Finishing
Final Assessment	N/A	Course Assessment: Practical Activity - Making a finished product from Wood & Question Paper	Added Value Unit: Practical Activity - Making a finished product from Wood

What skills will I develop?

Using a range of woodworking tools, equipment and materials safely and correctly
 Reading and interpreting drawings and diagrams
 Measuring and marking out timber sections and sheet materials
 Cutting and shaping tasks with some complex features
 Practical creativity in the context of woodworking tasks with some complex features
 Following given stages to take a practical problem-solving approach to woodworking tasks
 Awareness of safe working practices in a workshop environment
 Knowledge and understanding of the properties and uses of a range of woodworking materials
 Knowledge and understanding of sustainability issues in a practical woodworking context

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Pupils who enjoy *Practical Woodwork* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Carpentry, Construction, Engineering

For more information about *Practical Woodwork* please speak to:

Mr Stanley, Teacher of Craft, Design and Technology

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	Society	Reading	Understanding Language (reading and listening)
Unit 2	Learning	Writing	Using Languages (talking and writing)
Unit 3	Employability	Listening	N/A
Unit 4	Culture	Assignment Writing/Performance Talking	N/A
Course Assessment	Unit assessments: Reading, Direct Writing, Listening, Speaking Final Exam	Unit assessments: Reading, Talking, Speaking, Writing Final Exam	Investigation of chosen topic Talking performance

What topics will I cover?

The content of the senior phase will cover various topics within four main real-life contexts:

Society, Learning, Employability, Culture

What skills will I develop?

Pupils in S3 who have chosen Spanish will continue to develop their competence in the skills of listening and talking, reading and writing. They will engage with Spanish in real life contexts and through a range of transactional conversations and activities. Experiences and outcomes for S3 pupils may include: Working in groups to deliver oral presentations, making video films, reading from a variety media and developing essential writing skills. Pupils are actively encouraged to communicate in Spanish within the classroom and to develop their confidence in speaking through a wide variety of teaching approaches.

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Pupils who enjoy *Spanish* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Travel writer, food critic, translator, lawyer, teacher, doctor, marketing manager, video-games tester

For more information about *Spanish* please speak to:

Mr Reid, Curriculum Leader, Languages Faculty

Course Content and Assessment

	Higher	National 5	National 4
Unit 1	N/A	Assist with a Component of Activity Sessions	Assist with a Component of Activity Sessions
Unit 2	N/A	Assist with Fitness Programming	Assist with Fitness Programming
Unit 3	N/A	Employment Opportunities in the Sport and Recreation Industry	Employment Opportunities in the Sport and Recreation Industry
Unit 4	N/A	Assist with Daily Centre Duties	Assist with Daily Centre Duties

What skills will I develop?

Assisting with planning, setting up and delivering activity sessions.
 Assisting with setting up, dismantling and checking equipment and resources.
 Assisting with accident and emergency procedures.
 Dealing effectively and courteously with clients, staff and others.
 Helping to plan and review a personal training programme.
 Establishing good practice in identifying and reviewing personal goals.
 Sourcing information about career pathways.
 Identifying and reviewing skills and experiences.

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Pupils who enjoy *Sport and Recreation* may find an interest in the following career paths:

Teacher, Sports Coach, Personal Training, Military, Manager, Emergency Services

For more information about *Sport and Recreation* please speak to:

Miss Burns, Curriculum Leader, Health and Wellbeing