



GRANGE ACADEMY

S4/5 into S5/6 Personalisation and Choice 2023/24

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FUTUREFEST

Tomorrow

5pm – 7pm

Grange Assembly Hall

Over 45 stalls from a range of colleges, universities, apprenticeship providers and employers

Open to S1 – S6

Grange Academy

Future Fest 2023

Careers Fayre

Tuesday 31st January 5-7pm

Medicine – Engineering – Veterinary – Animal Care – Rail
Architecture – Renewable Energy – Armed Forces – Banking
Life Sciences – Aerospace – Teaching – Sports Science –
Physio – Nursing – Police Service – Hair & Beauty –
Computing & Gaming – Universities – Ayrshire College

THE SENIOR PHASE

S4

7 subjects

National 3

National 4

National 5

SCQF Awards

S5

5 subjects

National 4

National 5

Higher

SCQF Awards

S6

Up to 5 subjects

National 5

Higher

Advanced

Higher

SCQF Awards

THE SENIOR PHASE – S5/6

There are a wide range of different qualification types available throughout S5/6



- National Qualifications (N5 up to Advanced Higher)
- SCQF Level Awards (L5, L6 and L7)
- NPAs – National Progression Awards (internally assessed)
- SfW – Skills for Work Courses (internally assessed)

In Grange Academy we offer a 'free choice' model, where pupils select subjects without the restriction of options columns.

In total, pupils in S5 will study **five** subjects plus PSE and Supporting Attainment/Core PE periods. In S6, pupils can study up to and including **five** subjects.

In S5/6 there are no fixed columns – you should pick your five subjects freely from the options available to you.

SCQF FRAMEWORK

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs		
12					Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship	
11					Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ	
10					Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship	
9					Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma			Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ	
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate			Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ	
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher					Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ	
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5					Modern Apprenticeship SVQ	
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ		
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3						
2	National 2, Awards						
1	National 1, Awards						

EXAMPLE LEARNER PATHWAYS

- A) Some pupils will work towards five Higher courses
- B) Some pupils will take a combination of National 5 and Higher courses
- C) Some pupils will study 4 subjects in school and attend College on a Tuesday/Thursday afternoon as part of the School College Partnership
- D) Some pupils will embark on a Foundation Apprenticeship in addition to their school subjects.
- E) In S6, some pupils will study up to 3 Advanced Highers, additional Highers and then allow time for H Leadership or AH Study periods.

GRANGE ACADEMY S5/6

Will I definitely get to study my first-choice subjects?

We always aim to ensure that all pupils get to study their preferred subjects in S5/6. However, sometimes courses do not run because of low uptake or due to timetabling constraints. Unfortunately, we do not have an infinite amount of teaching time available and cannot always guarantee that a course will run.

If a course is oversubscribed, we may also have to look at your intended career path before coming to a decision about whether or not we should allocate a space to you.

MAKING YOUR CHOICES

- Consider your future pathway post school and any entry requirements that may be needed.
- Consider your own skills and talents
- Rely on the support of your family – discuss your choices with them
- Do not base choices on the choices of your friends – these are your choices
- Use My World of Work and the Options Information Booklet to help inform your choice.

MAKING CHOICES

There are several factors to consider when selecting subjects:

We recommend you prioritise subjects as follows (presuming you have passed N5 courses in S4)

- those subjects listed as entry requirements for the university course(s) of your choice
- those subjects where you are predicted to attain an A or a B pass at National 5 level
- those subjects you are good at
- those subjects you enjoy

Do I need to attain to a particular level at N5 to start a Higher course in S5?

The answer to this question is not always the same for every pupil. However, experience shows that for most pupils, it is necessary to attain to the levels shown below to have a ***realistic*** chance of progressing at the next level.

PROGRESSION FROM N5 TO HIGHER

What is the advice about requiring an A or a B pass at National 5 based on?

The latest SQA progression statistics (pre COVID) for those moving from a C pass at National 5 to Higher are as follows:

S4 National 5: C pass	Rate of Progression to an A-C pass at Higher
Art and Design	55%
Biology	29%
Business Management	48%
Chemistry	30%
Design and Manufacture	20%
Drama	52%
English	33%
French	19%
Geography	45%
Graphic Communication	41%
History	63%
Maths	28%
Modern Studies	50%
Music	68%
PE	62%
Physics	31%
Spanish	15%

In some subjects, such as Art, Music, PE and History, those with a C pass at N5 have a good chance of passing the Higher course. However, in Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Spanish, French and Design and Manufacture, progression is more of a challenge, whereby pupils with a 'C' at National 5 have less than a 30% chance of progressing to a pass at Higher.

SENIOR PHASE PATHWAY PLANNING

Pupil Name	House Group	Date of Birth
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Preferred Route	University	College	Apprenticeship	Employment	Other (please detail)
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Career Aspiration	Anticipated Leaving Date				
	end S4	end S5	end S6	end S7	end S8
1. <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to continue working in the same position for the rest of my career	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to continue working in the same position for 10 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to continue working in the same position for 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to continue working in the same position for 1 year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to leave the current position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

S3

English	
Maths	
Mod Lang	
Social	
Science	
Technology	
Exp Art	
Choice 1	
Choice 2	
PE	
PSE	

S4

1	English
2	Maths
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
PSE	

S5

1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
PSE	

S6

1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
PSE	

S4/5 INTO S5/6 OPTIONS

5 FREE CHOICE

Below you will see what a normal options form would look like.

You **do not** need to select a subject in every area – you choose freely from the other subjects.

Below they are grouped by their curricular area to help you find them.

S4/5 into S5/6

LANGUAGES

English	N5	H
French	N5	H
Mandarin	N5	H
Spanish	N5	H

SCIENCES

Biology	N5	H
Chemistry	N5	H
Physics	N5	H
Environmental Science	N5	H
Laboratory Skills	N5	

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics	N5	H
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SOCIAL STUDIES

Geography	N5	H
History	N5	H
Modern Studies	N5	H
RMPS		H

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Physical Education	N5	H
Practical Cookery	N5	
NPA Sports Develop.		L6

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Art and Design	N5	H
Drama	N5	H
Music	N5	H

TECHNOLOGIES

Business Management		H
Computing Science		H
Design and Manufacture	N5	H
Graphic Communication	N5	H
Practical Metalwork	N5	
Practical Woodwork	N5	

OTHER

College (see over)		
Hearing Impairment		

S6 ONLY

Art & Design	AH
Biology	AH
Chemistry	AH
Drama	AH
English	AH
Mathematics	AH
Modern Studies	AH
Music	AH
Physics	AH
Physical Education	AH
AH Study Pathway*	
Psychology	H
Leadership	H

SCHOOL COLLEGE COURSES

For some pupils, the most appropriate pathway in S5/6 includes a course at Ayrshire College. At the time of writing, the courses scheduled to run in Session 2023/24 are shown below. **Please be aware – there are a lot of courses!**

COURSE TITLE	SCQF LEVEL	DAY(S)	TIMES
Steps to Work Award – Hair and Beauty	4	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm
SfW Uniformed Services	4	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm
NPA Professional Cookery	4	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm
SfW Early Education & Childcare	4	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm
NPA Software Development	4	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm
SVQ Performing Engineering Operations (units only)	4	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm
C&G Introduction to Construction (units only)	4	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm
SfW Automotive Skills	4	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm
NPA Hospitality	5	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm
NPA Sports and Fitness: Team Sports (Football)	5	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm
SfW Early Education & Childcare	5	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm
Mental Health and Wellbeing Award	5	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm
Performing Engineering Operations (Full Award)	5	Tues/Thurs	TBC
SVQ 2 Performing Engineering Operations (infill)	5	Thurs/Fri	9am – 4pm
NPA Criminology	6	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm
NPA Software Development	6	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm
HNC Applied Sciences (infill)	7	Tues/Thurs	9am – 4pm
HNC Physical Activity and Health (infill)	7	Tues/Thurs	9am – 4pm
HNC Coaching and Developing Sport (infill)	7	Tues/Thurs	9am – 4pm

These courses
will run at the
Kilmarnock
Campus of
Ayrshire College



SCHOOL COLLEGE COURSES

These courses will run at other campuses.

Please be aware of the impact of travel time and also the transport costs involved.

COURSE TITLE	SCQF LEVEL	DAY(S)	TIMES	LOCATION
NPA Digital Media with Film Making	5	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm	Ayr
<u>SfW</u> Energy	5	TBC	TBC	Ayr
Sustainable Energy	5	TBC	TBC	<u>Kilwinning</u>
Art Portfolio	6	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm	Ayr
NPA Acting and Performance	6	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm	Ayr
NPA Children & Young People	6	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm	Ayr
NPA Sound Production	6	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm	Ayr
Photography Studio Skills	6	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm	Ayr
NPA Psychology	6	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm	Kilwinning
Production Arts (including Technical Theatre NPA)	7	Tues/Thurs	2pm – 4pm	Ayr

SCHOOL COLLEGE COURSES

There are a vast amount of Foundation Apprenticeship and HNC Courses available to study. Please note the day and time commitment required for these courses. Please have a chat with your Guidance Teacher if you are considering one of these courses.

FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS and HNCs

COURSE TITLE	SCQF LEVEL	LOCATION	DAY(S)	TIMES
Foundation Apprenticeship: Engineering - Y1 (Electrical)	6	Irvine Royal	Tue/Thu	2pm - 5pm
Foundation Apprenticeship: Engineering - Y1 (Aeronautical)	6	Ayr	Tue/Thu	2pm - 5pm
Foundation Apprenticeship: Social Services, Children and Young People (1yr delivery)	6	Kilmarnock Academy	Tue/Wed	All Day
Foundation Apprenticeship: Food and Drink Technologies (1yr delivery)	6	Loudoun Academy	TBC	TBC
Foundation Apprenticeship: Social Services: Healthcare (1yr delivery)	6	Irvine Royal	Tue/Thu (Work Placement)	TBC
Foundation Apprenticeship: Scientific Technology (Lab Skills) (1yr delivery)	6	<u>Kilwinning</u>	Tues (plus work placement)	9am – 4pm
Foundation Apprenticeship: Civil Engineering (2yr delivery)	6	Ayr	Tue/Thu	2pm - 5pm
HNC Fitness, Health and Exercise	7	Kilmarnock Academy	Tues/Thurs	All Day
HNC Construction Management (Infill)	7	Ayr	Tue/Thu	9am – 4pm
HNC Architectural Technology (Infill)	7	Ayr	Tue/Thu	9am – 4pm
HNC Cyber Security (infill)	7	<u>Kilwinning</u>	Tue/Thu	9am – 4pm
HNC Electrical Engineering	7	Irvine Royal	Wed/Thu	9am – 4pm
HNC Events Management (infill)	7	Ayr	Tues/Thurs	9am – 4pm
HNC Mechatronics (infill)	7	Irvine Royal	Tues/Thurs	9am – 4pm

SCHOOL COLLEGE COURSES

- All young people wishing to attend college must complete an online application form in order to secure a place on a programme of study.
- School staff will provide support and guidance in relation to the application process.
- You may be invited for interview and Ayrshire College will decide who is accepted on to each course.
- Should your application be rejected, you will need to select an additional subject to study in school.

If you are interested in applying to a School College course please let your Guidance Teacher know by sending them a message TODAY!

SOME FREQUENT QUESTIONS

Do I need to take ... ?

In S5/6, there are no mandatory subjects. However, all pupils will receive PSE and Core PE (unless studying PE as a National Qualification).

Do we get 'free' periods?

There are no 'free' periods in S5. Pupils in S6 may select an AH Study Pathway if they are studying two or more Advanced Highers. In addition, S6 pupils can undertake Higher Leadership which serves as an excellent way to build up UCAS application forms etc.

Where can I find out about ... ?

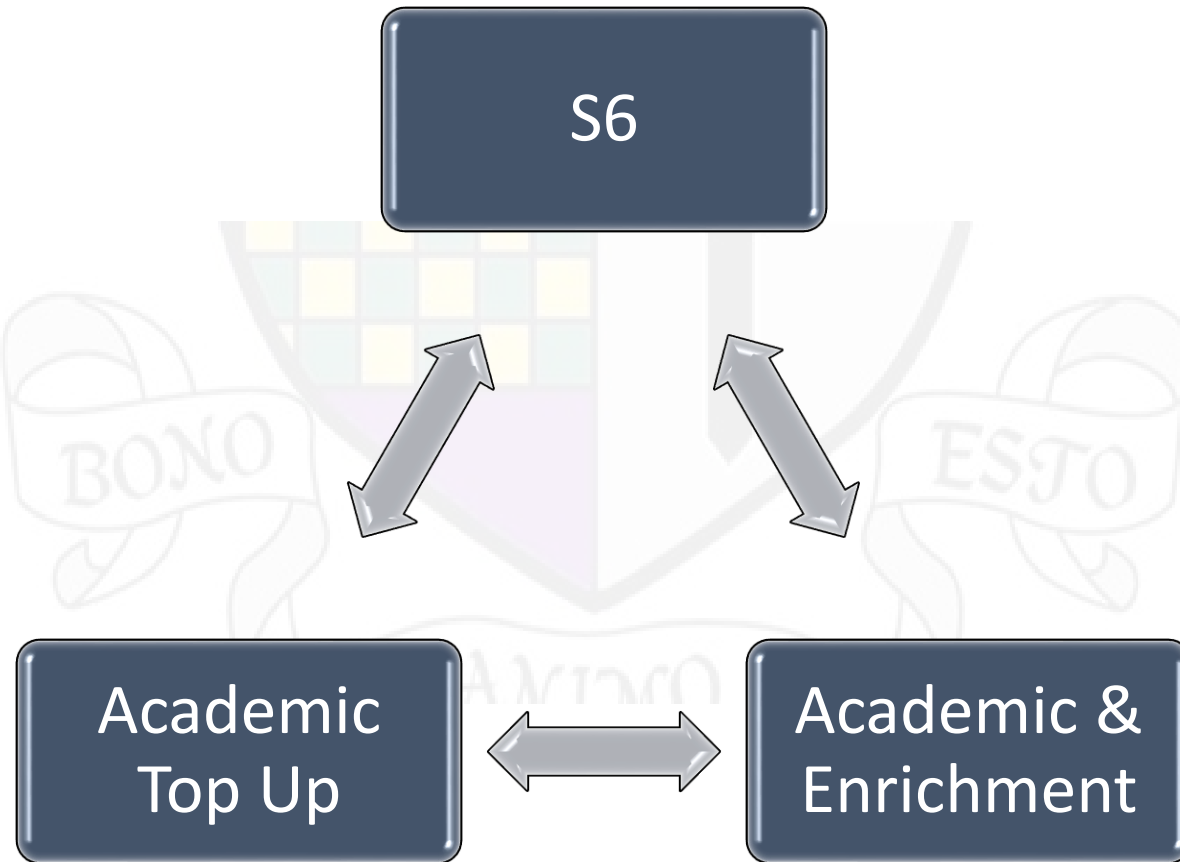
There are a variety of resources we have created to support this process which are highlighted later in this presentation.

Can they change their mind?

Yes! We understand that pupils will sometimes make a wrong choice. We will always aim to support a young person to find the right pathway. If, once they have submitted their option form, you would like to make an amendment – please contact the school office in the first instance.

If a request to change subject happens after the start of the course – this might not always be able to be met. We would need to explore whether there is any space in the requested subject and we would need to consider how much of the course has been missed.

S6 ... THE FINAL YEAR



GRANGE ACADEMY S6

I know that I need to stay on so that I can gain enough qualifications to apply for college, employment or university next year (excluding Advanced Highers which are addressed later in this guide)

If you are starting S6 with a need to increase your portfolio of attainment, we would highly recommend that you study four or five subjects in S6. Our experience shows that when requiring specific qualifications in S6 to secure entry to college or university, you are more likely to attain well if you study as many subjects as possible.

I have accumulated the qualifications I need to secure a college place already

In our experience, if you have decided upon a college pathway and you have already attained what you require to begin your course, you may benefit from moving onto college at the end of S5. College provision can prepare you well for the world of work and open pathways to HNC or HND qualifications that are not possible in school. You should make an appointment with our Careers Adviser as soon as possible.

ADVANCED HIGHERS

How do universities view Advanced Highers?

In Scottish universities Advanced Highers are not usually required for entry, and, generally, it is more important to achieve the Highers required for entry level first before considering Advanced Highers.

For more competitive programmes, for example, medicine, dentistry or veterinary science, students are likely to need five Highers achieved in the fifth year, and then two advanced Highers and an additional Higher in the sixth year sitting.

It is extremely important to always check specific entry requirements and talk directly to the universities if you have any doubts or questions about the Advanced Higher(s) or the combination of Highers and Advanced Highers you are considering in your sixth year. Some universities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland accept Highers for entry to their degree programmes, but many other institutions will, in addition, ask for up to three Advanced Highers.

ADVANCED HIGHERS

Advanced Highers within Grange Academy

In recent years, we have offered Advanced Higher Maths, Biology, Chemistry, English, Music, Drama and Art and have welcomed pupils from across East Ayrshire during class contact time. Advanced Highers are a valued part of our school curriculum. However, on an annual basis we need to review our Advanced Higher provision in light of the legal obligation we have to deliver the BGE (S1-S3 curriculum) and to provide S4-S5 pupils with the chance to sit National 5 and Higher qualifications.

Consortium arrangements

EAC and SWEIC

S6 ONLY

Art & Design	AH	
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Modern Studies	AH	
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Leadership	H	

ENRICHMENT

AH Study Pathway

Available when studying two or more
Advanced Highers

Enrichment

Buddying

In Class Support for Younger Pupils

Small Group Work

Work Experience

Supporting PSE

Leadership Opportunities

YASS (Young Applicants in Schools Scheme)

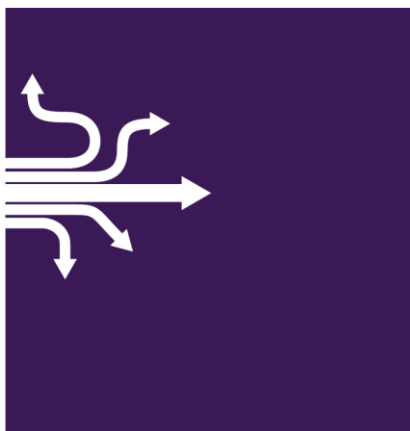
Independent Learning Opportunity to study
through Open University at Level 7 (AH).

Courses available in subjects such as Law

Making in Scotland, Economics, Statistics.

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USEFUL RESOURCES

OPTIONS INFORMATION BOOKLET

- Will be issued later on school website (notification through School App)
- Contains information about each course on offer
- Contains information about School College Courses

My World of Work

<http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/subjectchoices>

My World of Work is a Skills Development Scotland service that provides a unique mix of resources, features and job information to help people discover more about themselves and the future world of work. You can also access My World of Work from Glow. We strongly encourage parents/carers to use this site with pupils.

Ayrshire College Course Information Website

<https://www1.ayrshire.ac.uk/schools/>

USEFUL RESOURCES

Skills Development Scotland – Rebecca and Scott

Rebecca and Scott, our Careers Advisors, are always happy to arrange a time to talk with pupils and/or parents/carers about career choices and pathways.

If you wish to arrange an appointment with your school Careers Adviser they can be contacted through the information tab on the school app or using one of the options below:

Rebecca Millar

Telephone: 01563 601 241

Email: Rebecca.Millar@sds.co.uk

Scott Masterton

Telephone: 01563 601 235

Email: scott.masterton@sds.co.uk

Please be aware that career information and advice is available online for anyone who needs it at [My World of Work](#). You can also contact [your local centre](#) on **01563 527165** to speak to an adviser or call the SDS helpline on 0800 917 8000

WHAT HAPPENS NOW ...

Options Information Evening (tonight)

Parent/Carer Information Issued

FUTUREFEST tomorrow from 5pm – 7pm

Options Interview Process runs with Guidance Staff (aiming for 31st January – 8th February 2023)

- S5/6 Parents Evening – Tuesday 7th February 2023
- S4 Parents Evening – Thursday 16th February 2023

Timetabling and Validity Process – can all courses run etc

Re-Options Process (if required)

Timetable Change – normally June (post SQA Exams)

Exam Results issued in August (opportunity to re-course at this point following results)

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THANK YOU ...

Questions & Contact

