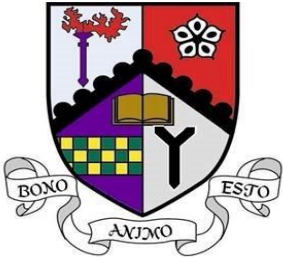


GRANGE ACADEMY

S4/5 into S5/6 Personalisation and Choice 2025/26



Please remember to
mute your
microphone

FUTUREFEST

30th January (next
Thursday)

5pm – 7pm

Grange Assembly
Hall

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

Open to S1 – S6



FUTUREFEST 2025
THE GRANGE ACADEMY
CAREERS FAYRE

REPRESENTATIVES FROM:
ENGINEERING, MEDICINE, SPORT,
UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGE, HOSPITALITY,
ARMED FORCES, FINANCIAL SERVICES,
EMERGENCY SERVICES, AEROSPACE,
APPRENTICESHIPS...AND MORE

30/1/2025
5-7pm

THE SENIOR PHASE – S5/6

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

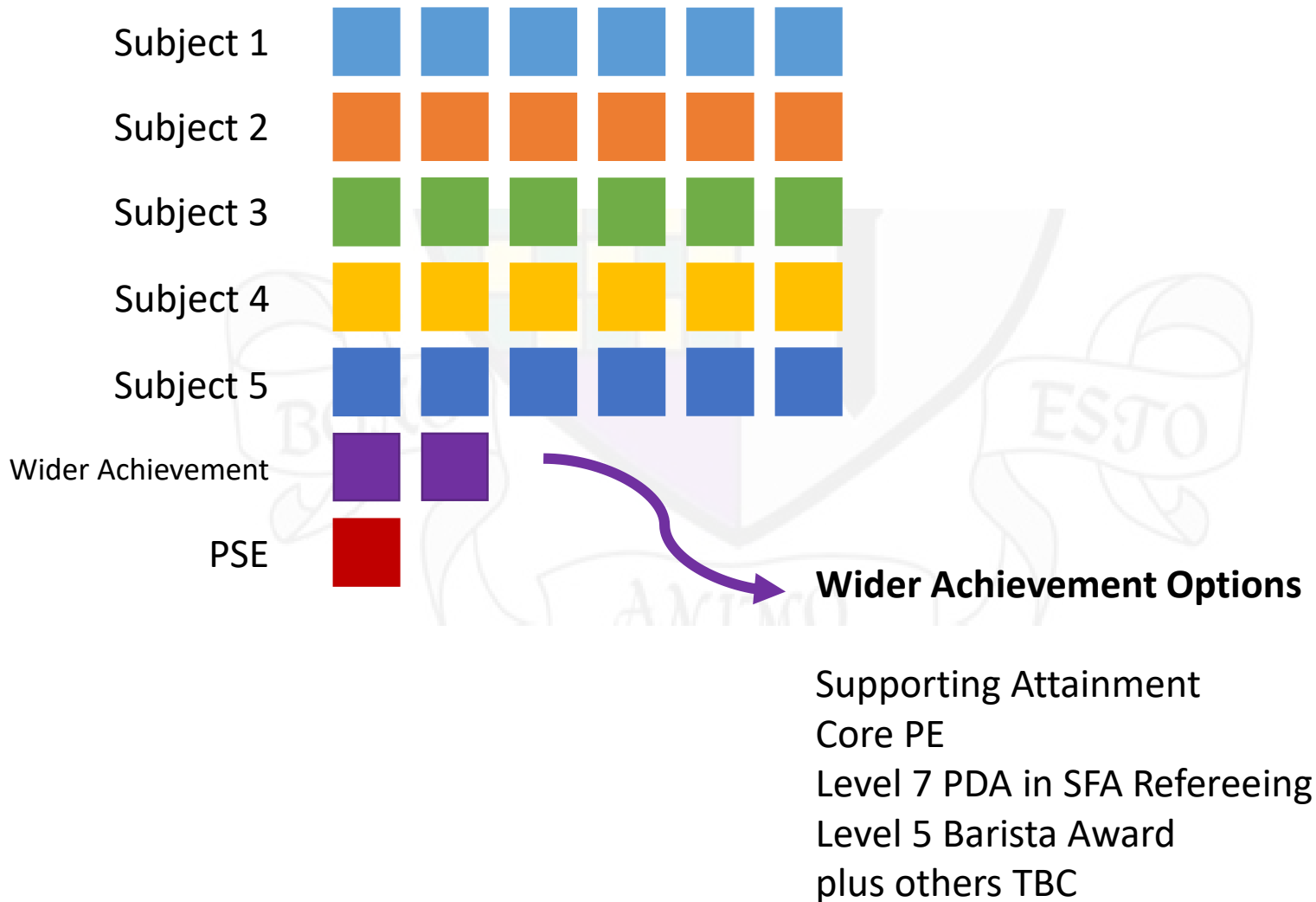
- National Qualifications (N5 up to Advanced Higher)
- SCQF Level Awards (L5, L6 and L7)
- NPAs – National Progression Awards (internally assessed)
- SfW – Skills for Work Courses (internally assessed)

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 Wider Achievement 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.

THE SENIOR PHASE – S5/6



LABOUR MARKET INTELLIGENCE

Job openings are expected to be concentrated in a small number of industries, with four industries in Ayrshire forecast to account for 22,500 (58.1 per cent) of the requirement. These are (see Figure 12):



Wholesale and Retail Trade:
7,600 people



Human Health and Social Work:
6,800 people



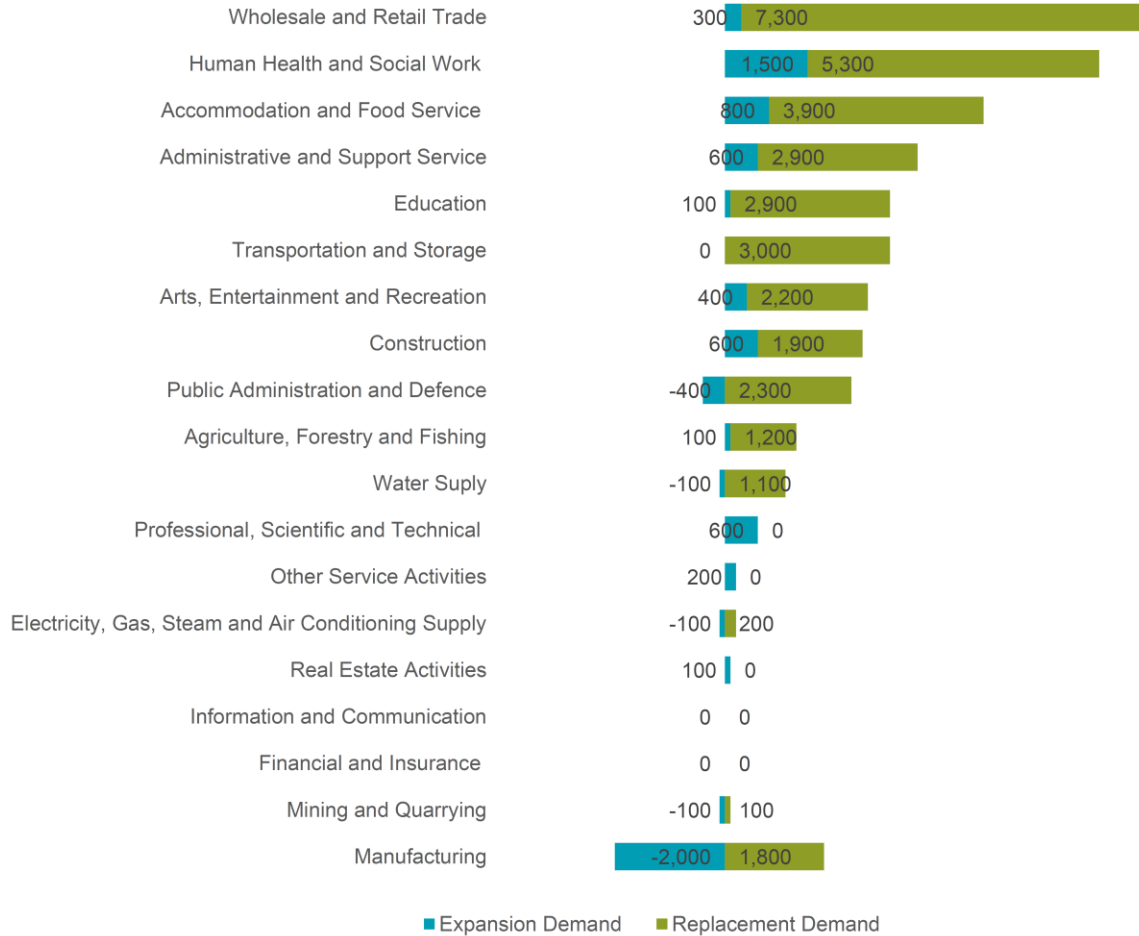
Accommodation and Food Service:
4,700 people



Administrative and Support Service:
3,500 people

As we highlighted in our analysis of the mid-term, the operating practices of some industries are changing and evolving and will continue to do so over the longer term too. Automation has accelerated as a result of the pandemic and Industry 4.0 is set to have an even greater impact on the operating practices of industries such as Wholesale and Retail.

Figure 12: Forecast total requirement by industry (2025-2032), Ayrshire



AYRSHIRE GROWTH DEAL (AGD)

The Ayrshire Growth Deal – Scotland’s first non-city deal – was signed in November 2020 and will bring a public sector investment of **£251.5 million** into the region.

The scale of this deal will galvanise efforts to develop key strategic sites and key sectors in Ayrshire and aims to facilitate private sector investment of more than £300m into the region and to support up to 7,000 new jobs.

The vision for the Ayrshire Growth Deal is for Ayrshire to be a vibrant, outward looking, confident region, attractive to investors and visitors, making a major contribution to Scotland’s growth and local wellbeing and leading the implementation of digital technologies and the next generation of manufacturing.

Skills are a cross-cutting priority for the region, with a sectoral focus upon:

- Aerospace/space sector;
- Clean growth;
- Food and drink;
- Visitor economy; and
- Digital.

AYRSHIRE GROWTH DEAL

Ayrshire Growth Deal
Annual Report
2021/22



Space and
Aerospace



Economic
Infrastructure



Energy, Circular
Economy &
Environment



Communities



Tourism

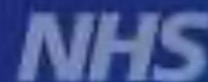


THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at www.scqf.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.



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.

EXAMPLE LEARNER PATHWAYS

Learner A

SCQF6 - H English

SCQF6 - H Applications of Maths

SCQF6 – H Chemistry

SCQF6 – H History

SCQF6 – H Music

Supporting Attainment

PSE

Learner B

SCQF6 – H English

SCQF6 – H Biology

SCQF6 – NPA Sports Leadership

SCQF5 – N5 Practical Metalworking

SCQF5 – N5 Practical Cookery

SCQF7 PDA in SFA Refereeing

PSE

Learner C

SCQF5 - N5 English

SCQF5 – N5 Maths

SCQF5 – NPA Criminology

SCQF5 – NPA Lab Skills

SCQF5 – N5 Practical Woodworking

SCQF5 – Barista Award

PSE

Learner D

SCQF6 - H Maths

SCQF6 - H Physics

SCQF6 - H Design and Manufacture

SCQF5 – N5 Practical Metalworking

SCQF5 - PEO2 (College)

Core PE

PSE

Learner E

SCQF7 – AH Maths

SCQF7 – AH Chemistry

SCQF7 – YASS Course

SCQF6 – H Music

AH Study Pathway

SCQF6 Powering Futures

PSE

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 (2023) 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	40%
Biology	21%
Business Management	29%
Chemistry	21%
Design and Manufacture	18%
Drama	29%
English	21%
French	11%
Geography	26%
Graphic Communication	35%
History	25%
Maths	13%
Modern Studies	25%
Music	30%
PE	39%
Physics	26%
Spanish	16%

SENIOR PHASE PATHWAY PLANNING

Pupil Name _____ House Group _____ Date of Birth _____

Preferred Route University College Apprenticeship Employment Other (please detail) _____

Career Aspiration _____ Anticipated Leaving Date end S4 end S5 end S6

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S3

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

S4

1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
WA	
PSE	

S5

1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
WA	
PSE	

S6

1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
WA	
PSE	

Pupil Signature _____ Parent Signature _____ Grange Staff Signature _____

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LANGUAGES

English	5	H
French	5	H
Mandarin	5	H
Spanish	5	H

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics	5	H
Applications of Maths	5	H

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Art and Design	5	H
Drama	5	H
Music	5	H

S6 ONLY

Art & Design		AH
Biology		AH
Chemistry		AH
Drama		AH
English		AH
Mathematics		AH
Music		AH
Physical Education		AH
YASS Course		7
Psychology	H	
Leadership Award	6	
AH Study Pathway		

SCIENCES

Biology		H
Chemistry		H
Physics		H
Environmental Science	5	H
SfW Lab Science	5	
SfW Energy	5	

SOCIAL SUBJECTS

NPA Criminology	5	
SfW Travel and Tourism	5	
Geography		H
History		H
Modern Studies		H
RMPS		H

TECHNOLOGIES

Business Management		H
Computing Science		H
Design and Manufacture	5	H
Graphic Communication	5	H
Practical Metalwork	5	

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Physical Education		H
Practical Cookery	5	
NPA Sports Develop.		6

OTHER

College (see over)
Hearing Impairment

WIDER ACHIEVEMENT

Supporting Attainment	
Core PE	
L5 Barista Award	5
L7 PDA in SFA Refereeing	7
Others TBC	

AH Courses via SWEIC (Online)

H Politics
Adv. Higher Graphic Communication
Adv. Higher History (Germany)
Adv. Higher History (USA)
Adv. Higher Modern Studies
Adv. Higher Physics

THE VIABILITY OF COURSES BEING ABLE TO RUN ARE SUBJECT TO UPTAKE AND STAFFING

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 next session are shown below. **Please be aware – there are a lot of courses!**

Campus	Course Name	Delivery Location	SCQF Level	Delivery Days	Delivery Times
BUSINESS AND COMPUTING					
Kilmarnock	NPA Software Development Level 4	Kilmarnock Campus	4	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Kilmarnock	NPA Software Development Level 6	Kilmarnock Campus	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Kilwinning	HNC Cyber Security (infill)	Kilwinning Campus	7	Tues/Thurs	9:00 - 4:00
CONSTRUCTION					
Kilmarnock	Introduction to the Construction Industry	Kilmarnock Campus	4	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Kilwinning	SFW Renewable Energy	Kilwinning Campus	5	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Ayr	SFW Renewable Energy	Ayr Campus	5	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Ayr	HNC Architectural Technology and Sustainability (Infil)	Ayr Campus	7	Mon/Wed	9:00 - 4:00
CREATIVE					
Ayr	NPA Digital Media with Film Making	Ayr Campus	5	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Ayr	NPA Acting & Performance	Ayr Campus	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Ayr	NPA Sound Production	Ayr Campus	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Ayr	Portfolio Work (Life Drawing & Printmaking)	Ayr Campus	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Ayr	Production Arts (Including Technical Theatre) (Level 6)	Ayr Campus	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
EARLY YEARS					
Kilmarnock	Skills for Work Early Education & Childcare Level 4	Kilmarnock Campus	4	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Kilmarnock	Skills for Work Early Education & Childcare Level 5	Kilmarnock Campus	5	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Ayr	NPA Children & Young People	Ayr Campus	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Kilwinning	NPA Children & Young People	Kilwinning Campus	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00

SCHOOL COLLEGE COURSES

ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

Kilmarnock	SVQ 1 Performing Engineering Operations	Kilmarnock Campus	4	Tues/Thurs	2.00 - 4.00
Kilmarnock	SVQ 2 Performing Engineering Operations (Kilmarnock and Grange Academy)	Kilmarnock Campus	5	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 5:00
Kilmarnock	SVQ 2 Performing Engineering Operations (Robert Burns Academy)	Kilmarnock Campus	5	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 5:00
Kilmarnock	SVQ 2 Performing Engineering Operations (infill)	Kilmarnock Campus	5	Thur/Fri	9:00 - 4:00
Ayr	Foundation Apprenticeship Engineering Y1 (Aeronautical)	Ayr Campus	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 5:00
Kilwinning	Foundation Apprenticeship Engineering Y1 (Electrical)	Kilwinning Campus	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 5:00
Kilmarnock	HNC Applied Sciences (infill)	Kilmarnock Campus	7	Tues/Thurs	9:00 - 4:00
Kilwinning	HNC Electrical (Infil)	Kilwinning Campus	7	Wed/Thurs	9:00 - 4:00
Kilwinning	HNC Mechatronics (Infill)	Kilwinning Campus	7	Wed/Thurs	9:00 - 4:00

HAIR AND BEAUTY

Kilmarnock	Steps to Work Hair & Beauty	Kilmarnock Campus	4	Tues /Thurs	2.00 - 4.00
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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Kilmarnock	Mental Health & Well Being Award	Kilmarnock Campus	5	Tues/Thurs	2.00 - 4.00
Kilwinning	NC in Oral Healthcare (Schools in-fill)	Kilwinning Campus	6	Mon/Wed	9:00 - 4:00

HOSPITALITY

Kilmarnock	NPA Professional Cookery	Kilmarnock Campus	4	Tues/Thurs	2:00-5:00 Tues plus one hour remote on a Thursday
Kilmarnock	NPA Hospitality	Kilmarnock Campus	5	Tues/Thurs	2.00 - 4.00
Ayr	HNC Hospitality and Operations (infill)	Ayr Campus	7	Mon/Wed	9:00 - 4:00

MOTOR VEHICLE

Kilmarnock	Skills for Work: Automotive Skills National 4	Kilmarnock Campus	4	Tues/Thurs	2.00 - 4.00
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SCHOOL COLLEGE COURSES

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Ayr	NPA Criminology	Ayr Campus	6	Tues / Thurs	2.00 - 4.00
Kilwinning	NPA Criminology	Kilwinning Campus	6	Tues / Thurs	2.00 - 4.00
Kilmarnock	NPA Psychology	Kilmarnock Campus	6	Tues / Thurs	2.00 - 4.00

SPORT

Kilwinning	Skills for Work: Uniformed Services	Kilmarnock Campus	4	Tue / Thu	2.00 - 4.00
Kilmarnock	NPA Sport & Fitness (Football)	Kilmarnock Campus	5	Tues / Thurs	2.00 - 4.00
Kilmarnock	HNC Sports Coaching and Development (Infill)	Kilmarnock Campus	7	Tues / Thurs	9:00 - 4:00
Kilwinning	HND Year 1 Applied Sport Science (incorporating HNC Fitness)	Kilwinning Campus	7	Tues / Thurs	9:00 - 4:00

ESOL

Kilmarnock	Esol	Kilmarnock Campus	TBC		
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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 require a full timetabled curriculum and will receive PSE plus a Wider Achievement Option

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 ... ?

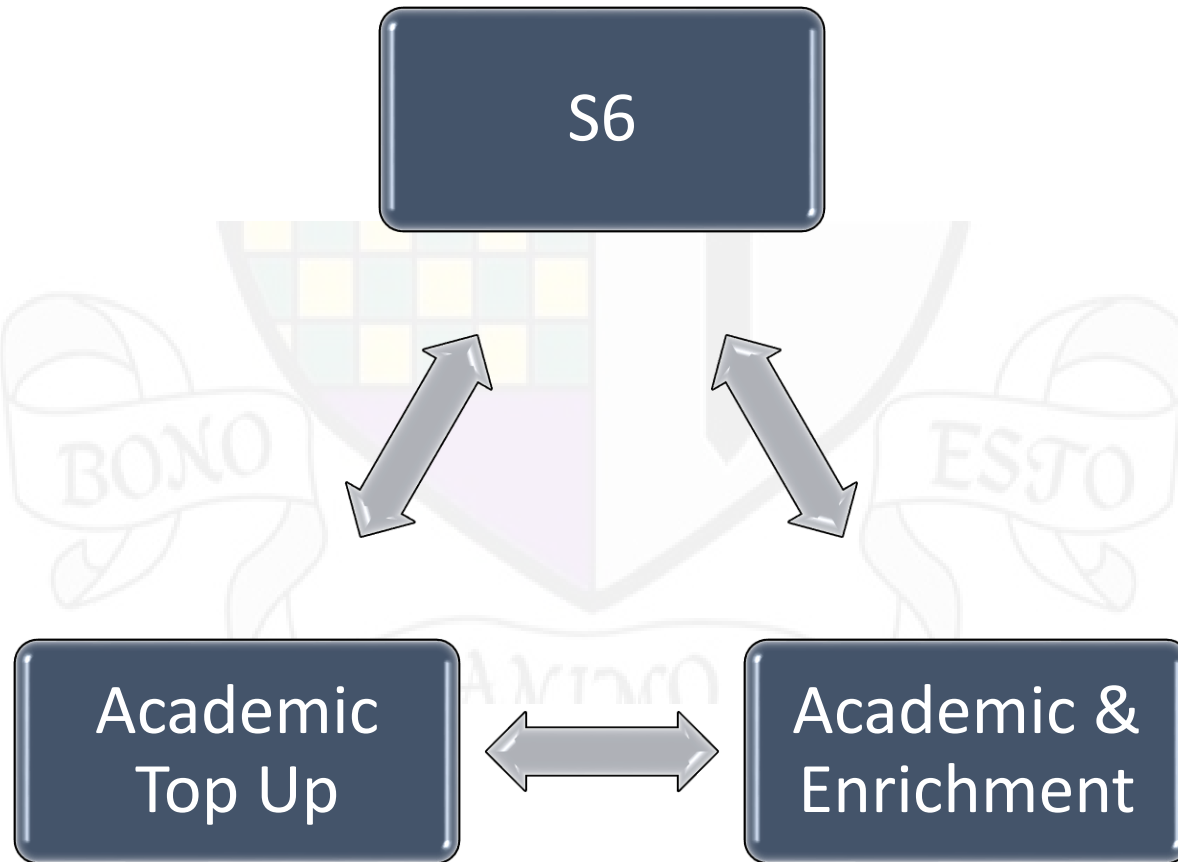
There are a variety of resources we have created to support this process which are highlighted later in this presentation. Please research as much information about courses and further education requirements.

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
Biology		AH
Chemistry		AH
Drama		AH
English		AH
Mathematics		AH
Music		AH
Physical Education		AH
YASS Course		7
Psychology	H	
Leadership Award	6	
AH Study Pathway		

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

My World of Work

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/option-choices/>

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 Munn

Telephone: 01563 601 241

Email: Rebecca.Munn@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

- S4 Reports should be issued this Friday
- S5/6 Reports should be issued week beginning 3rd February

FUTUREFEST – 30th January 2025 from 5pm – 7pm

Options Interview Process runs with Guidance Staff

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

