

# S2 into S3 options

## Curriculum for Excellence - Overview



**Curriculum for Excellence** identifies two key stages in secondary – the **broad general education (BGE)** and the **Senior Phase**. The BGE covers S1 – S3 and the Senior Phase from S4 - S6.

Instead of choosing two year courses at the end of S2 (Standard Grade/'O' Grade) all pupils continue to experience a broad range of curricular areas until the end of third year, at which point they select the subjects they wish to study in fourth year.

# S2 into S3 options

## Stewarton Academy's S3 Curriculum



- Thirty three periods in total each week.
- All pupils study Maths & English for four periods per week (8).
- All pupils study PE for two periods per week (2).
- All pupils study RE and PSE for one period per week each (2).
- Pupils choose **seven** subjects, each for three periods per week (21).

# S2 into S3 options

## S2 into S3 Option Process



### How your son/daughter will be supported

- PSE classes and practice options exercise
- Information evening – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- Options booklet – will be available in PSE classes.
- Opportunity to meet your son/daughter's teachers at parents' evening.

# S2 into S3 options

## S2 into S3 Option Process



Languages	Social Subjects	Sciences	Technologies	Expressive Arts	Personalisation	Elective
French	Geography History Modern Studies	Biology Chemistry Physics	Computing Science Administration Graphic Communication Practical Cookery Music PC Passport	Art Music Technology PE Fashion & Textiles Technology	Art Music Biology RMPS Design & Manufacture Practical Woodworking	Spanish Chemistry History Geography Design & Manufacture

# S2 into S3 options

## S2 into S3 Option Process



### General Points

- Pupils **must** select a first and second choice in each column.
- Options should be completed on-line using Microsoft Forms. The link will go live on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- Pupils must enter their name and house group (Boyd, Cunningham, Montgomery and Stewart).
- The deadline is **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023**.

# S2 into S3 options

## S2 into S3 Option Process



### In More Detail – Modern Languages

- All pupils have an entitlement to follow a modern foreign language until the end of the BGE.
- Both French and Spanish can be selected. To do so Spanish **must** be selected in the elective column.

# S2 into S3 options

## S2 into S3 Option Process



### In More Detail - Sciences

- Pupils can now continue three sciences until the end of S3. (NB three sciences at Higher in a single sitting is not required for entry to medicine/veterinary medicine/dentistry.)
- In such cases Chemistry **must** be selected in the elective column.
- Suitability for multiple sciences will be discussed with relevant members of staff. Pupils need to give careful consideration to whether they need these subjects and likely progression in S4.

# S2 into S3 options

## S2 into S3 Option Process



### In More Detail - Sciences

- Science sections will be capped in a number of columns.



# S2 into S3 options

## S2 into S3 Option Process



### Second Choices

A relatively small number of young people may be asked to study their second choice. There a number of scenarios in which this can happen:

- A subject has a very low uptake and therefore won't run
- A subject is oversubscribed
- A young person has made a choice that subject teachers have concerns is not appropriate

# S2 into S3 options

## S2 into S3 Option Process



### Second Choices

- Effort, behaviour and attendance both in the subject a young person has selected and globally.
- A young person won't continue with that subject in S4.
- Possible attainment.

# S2 into S3 options

## S2 into S3 Option Process



### Would you like to know more?

Please do not hesitate to contact the school – guidance teacher, class teacher or year head if you would like more information.