

# Progression Pathways Information

Wednesday 14th January – 6pm



# PROGRAMME

- SCQF Framework
- Skills Development Scotland
- Ayrshire College
- Ayrshire Growth Deal
- The Options' Process
  - S4
  - S5
  - S6
  - Key dates

# SCQF FRAMEWORK – WHAT IS IT?



- This is the system across Scotland which makes sure all qualifications are rated against each other, from National 1 all the way up to University level, it also includes Foundation, Modern and Graduate apprenticeships
- Kilmarnock Academy offers a range of subjects available at different levels to meet the needs of all learners – typically these are National 3 to Advanced Higher

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



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# SCQF FRAMEWORK AT KILMARNOCK ACADEMY (LEVELS)



**SCQF Level 3:** These will usually be at National 3, there is no exam at this level.

**SCQF Level 4:** These will usually be at National 4, there is no exam at this level.

## **SCQF Level 5:**

- National 5 (Graded A-D) – for example, English or History; these will usually have an external exam and an assignment that is completed under assessment conditions in class.
- Level 5 (Ungraded - pass or fail) – for example, Travel & Tourism and Health Sector; these will have no external exam.
- NPA Level 5 (Graded Pass or Fail) – for example Business with Information Technology; these will have no external exam.
- Foundation Apprenticeships – Hospitality; real life employment / business links.

# SCQF FRAMEWORK AT KILMARNOCK ACADEMY (LEVELS)



## SCQF Level 6:

- Higher (Graded A-D) – for example, Maths or Biology; these will usually have an external exams
- Level 6 (Ungraded - pass or fail only) – for example Creative Industries; these will have no external exam
- NPA Level 6 (Graded Pass or Fail) – for example Sports Leadership and Musical Theatre
- Foundation Apprenticeships – Early Education & Childcare and Business Skills

## SCQF Level 7:

- Advanced Higher (Graded A-D) – for example, English or Music; these will usually have an external exam
- YASS – (Graded Pass or Fail) – online courses run by the Open University
- UWS Foundation Academy – Freestanding L7 unit supporting pupils university applications.

# SCQF FRAMEWORK – MY EXPERIENCE



S4	S5	S6	Future Plans
National 5 English L5	Higher English L6	Adv Higher English L7	If everything goes to plan, Law + Politics joint honours at Glasgow University
National 5 Modern Studies L5	Higher Politics L6	Adv Higher Music L7	If it doesn't, hopefully I can do a Politics + English Literature joint honours and a post grad in law
National 5 Music L5	Higher Modern Studies L6	Higher Spanish L6	
National 5 French L5	Higher French L6	Scottish Baccalaureate in Expressive Arts L7	
National 5 Biology L5	Higher Music L6	Top-Up Course L7	
National 5 Business Management L5		Open University Course L7	
National 5 Applications of Mathematics L5			



# SCQF FRAMEWORK – MY EXPERIENCE



S4 Subjects	S5 Subjects	S6 Subjects	Plans for the future
N5 English N5 Modern Studies N5 History N5 Biology N5 French N5 Apps of Maths N4 Maths N4 Numeracy  NPA Digital Media (L5)	Higher English Higher History Higher Modern Studies Higher Politics  NPA Legal Studies (L6)	Advanced Higher English Advanced Higher Modern Studies Scottish Baccalaureate (L7) UWS Foundation Academy (L7) Top Up Course – Social Subjects (L7) NPA Digital Media (L6)	From the subjects I have done I plan to go to University to study History, Politics and University!

# SCQF FRAMEWORK – KEY POINTS



## Things to look out for:

**Some courses are designed to build skills and experience for employment**

**Some courses are designed to build knowledge and skills for further study (post-school destinations)**

**Some courses have external exams at the end of the year, other courses are internally assessed throughout the year.**

**Each course has a notional time to complete (N5 240 – AH 320)**

**The higher the level of course, the greater the level of independent learning.**

**Look very carefully at College and University entry requirements as some courses only accept graded courses and some courses would rather have extra Highers rather than Advanced Highers**



# **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND**

## **SCOTLAND'S CAREERS SERVICE**

Supporting pupils at  
Kilmarnock Academy



# SCHOOL CAREERS ADVISERS

Skills  
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## Melissa

School Careers Adviser for KA  
Houses: Orr, Burns & Wallace (2)



### Melissa Masterton

She/Her Careers Adviser • South



## Allyson

School Careers Adviser for KA  
Houses: Wallace(1), Fleming



### Allyson Barclay

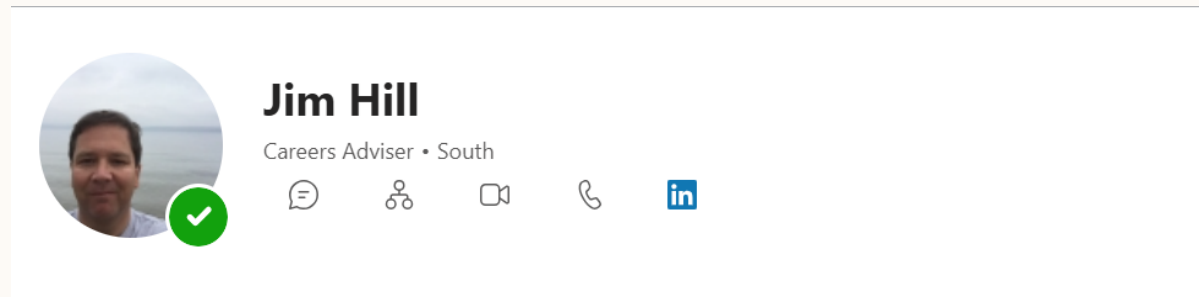
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# POST SCHOOL CAREERS ADVISERS



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# HOW CAN WE HELP?

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CAREERS ADVISERS IN YOUR SCHOOL



# CAREERS ADVISERS CAN HELP WITH:

- Making decisions at key transition times, such as subject choice or deciding what to do after leaving school
- Available to all pupils S1-S6 at Kilmarnock Academy
- Helping pupils understand the world of work and what options are available to them
- Encouraging pupils to consider a wide range of options and careers, widening their horizons and aspirations – *“you can't be what you can't see”*
- Support from SDS continues after school – each pupil will be assigned a post school careers adviser when they decide it's time to leave secondary education
- Whether seeing a careers adviser in school or after school, it's our job to provide free, confidential, and client-centred advice and guidance to help individuals build their **Career Management Skills** 

# CAREER MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Your Careers Adviser isn't going to make decisions for you or tell you what to do. It's their job to listen to your ideas and help you make good decisions about your career by supporting you to develop **Career Management Skills**.

The world of work is always changing – we need a set of skills that we can use as we navigate through learning and jobs throughout our lives.

**Career Management Skills** are the tools to help you take control of your career journey and make positive, well-informed decisions.





# POST SCHOOL OPTIONS

- Modern Apprenticeship
- Graduate Apprenticeship
- College
- University
- Further Training
- Employment



# APPRENTICESHIP FAMILY

The logo for Foundation Apprenticeships (FA) consists of the letters 'FA' in white, bold, sans-serif font, centered within a solid green square.

## Foundation Apprenticeships

If you're still in school, you can do a Foundation apprenticeship in S5 or S6. You'll learn about the world of work and you'll come out with an industry recognised qualification.

The logo for Modern Apprenticeships (MA) consists of the letters 'MA' in white, bold, sans-serif font, centered within a solid teal square.

## Modern Apprenticeships

You'll learn on the job in a Modern Apprenticeship. You'll just be like any other employee, but you'll also be working towards a qualification.

The logo for Graduate Apprenticeships (GA) consists of the letters 'GA' in white, bold, sans-serif font, centered within a solid dark blue square.

## Graduate Apprenticeships

Similar to a Modern Apprenticeship, you'll be an employee. But you'll be spending some of your time at university, working towards a degree and earning a wage at the same time.



# MY WORLD OF WORK

We encourage all pupils to register on the website **My World of Work**, a valuable resource for both school pupils & adults at all stages of their career.

[www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk)

There is a Parents & Carers section of My World of Work with lots of useful advice and guidance, including pre-recorded webinars to help parents and carers better support their young people.



# WEBINARS AVAILABLE



## Parents and Carers Webinar Series

My World of Work

10 videos 430 views Last updated on 12 Dec 2022



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1



Option Choices for S2/S3 - parents and carers webinar

My World of Work • 348 views • 1 month ago

2



Understanding options available after school - parents and carers webinar

My World of Work • 210 views • 1 month ago

3



Introduction to careers services for S1 pupils - parents and carers webinar

My World of Work • 143 views • 3 months ago

4



Overview of Apprenticeships - parents and carers webinar

My World of Work • 415 views • 9 months ago

5



How to Have Meaningful Career Conversations - parents and carers webinar

My World of Work • 420 views • 11 months ago



# HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

- The school careers advisers, **Melissa & Allyson**, are based on the ground floor, just along from the Pupils Support Staff and DHT's office.
- Pupils can pop along any day to ask for an appointment with Melissa & Allyson or can email us.
- Alternatively, pupils can ask their guidance teacher, or office staff, and they will let us know that the pupil requires an appointment.

# THANK YOU

The logo for Skills Development Scotland is displayed within a white rectangular frame. It features a dark green square with a decorative, scalloped border. Inside the square, the words "Skills Development Scotland" are written in a white, sans-serif font, stacked in three lines.

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**Senior Phase  
School College  
Courses  
Ayrshire College**

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## SCHOOL COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP

- Courses start in June and finish at the end of April
- 2 afternoons per week (usually a Tuesday and Thursday)  
2:00 – 4:00 or 2:00 – 5:00
- Attendance may be required during exam leave in May
- Travel to and from college is organised through school
- Attendance is reported weekly to school and parent/carer is contacted if attendance falls below a satisfactory percentage
- Progress is reported to school monthly and sent home to parent/carer in December & March

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## What Courses Are Available?

- Level 4 (Equivalent of Nat 4) available from S4+
- Level 5 (Equivalent of Nat 5) available from S4+
- Level 6 (Equivalent of Higher) available for S5 & S6
- Level 7 (Equivalent of Advanced Higher) – (S6) this is two full days in college
- Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 6) – 2 year course in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year

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## Courses 2026 - 27

Campus	Course Name	SCQF Level	Delivery Days	Delivery Times
<b>Business and Computing</b>				
Kilmarnock	NPA Software Development Level 4	4	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Kilmarnock	NPA Software Development Level 6	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Ayr	NPA Level 6 Accounting	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 5:00
Kilwinning	HNC Cyber Security (infill)	7	Tues/Thurs	9:00 - 4:00
<b>Construction</b>				
Kilmarnock	Introduction to the Construction Industry	4	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Kilwinning	SFW Renewable Energy	5	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4 :00
Ayr	SFW Renewable Energy	5	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Ayr	HNC Architectural Technology and Sustainability (Infil)	7	Mon/Wed	9:00 - 4:00
Ayr	Construction Crafts (Units Only) Level 5	5	Mon/Wed	2:00 - 4:00

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## Courses 2026 - 27

Creative				
Ayr	NPA Digital Media with Film Making	5	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Ayr	NPA Acting & Performance	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Ayr	NPA Sound Production	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Ayr	Portfolio Work (Life Drawing & Printmaking)	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
EARLY YEARS				
Kilmarnock	Skills for Work Early Education & Childcare Level 4	4	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Kilmarnock	Skills for Work Early Education & Childcare Level 5	5	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Kilmarnock	NPA Children & Young People Level 6	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 4:00
Health and Social Care				
Kilmarnock	Mental Health and Wellbeing Award	5	Tues/Thurs	2.00 - 4.00

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## Courses 2026 - 27

Engineering and Science				
Kilmarnock	SVQ 1 Performing Engineering Operations	4	Tues/Thurs	2.00 - 4.00
Kilmarnock	SVQ 2 Performing Engineering Operations ( Kilmarnock and Grange Academy)	5	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 5:00
Kilwinning	Foundation Apprenticeship Engineering Y1 (Electrical)	6	Tues/Thurs	2:00 - 5:00
Kilmarnock	HNC Applied Sciences (infill)	7	Tues/Thurs	9:00 - 4:00
Kilwinning	HNC Electrical (Infill)	7	Wed/Thurs	9:00 - 4:00
Kilwinning	HNC Mechatronics (Infill)	7	Wed/Thurs	9:00 - 4:00
Motor Vehicle				
Kilmarnock	Skills for Work: Automotive Skills National 4	4	Tues/Thurs	2.00 - 4.00

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## Courses 2026 - 27

Hair and Beauty				
Kilmarnock	Steps to Work Hair & Beauty	4	Tues /Thurs	2.00 - 4.00
Professional Cookery / Hospitality				
Kilmarnock	NPA Professional Cookery	4	Tues/Thurs	2:00-5:00 Tues Remote Thurs Campus
Kilmarnock	Steps to Work (Hospitality / Professional Cookery)	4	Tues/Thurs	2.00 - 4.00
Social Science				
Kilmarnock	NPA Psychology with Criminology	6	Tues / Thurs	2.00 - 4.00
Sport				
Kilmarnock	Skills for Work: Uniformed Services	4	Tues / Thurs	2.00 - 4.00
Kilmarnock	NPA Sport & Fitness ( Football)	5	Tues / Thurs	2.00 - 4.00
Kilmarnock	HNC Sports Coaching and Development (Infill)	7	Tues / Thurs	9:00 - 4:00

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## *What's next?*

- Applications for School-College Courses are open from the 19th January 2026 and close on 25th March 2026.
- Discuss with Guidance Teacher before making an application
- Remember a Personal Statement, for example:

*I can travel to College easily as it is close to where I live. I visited the College on a taster day, and I liked the great facilities. It is a great place for me to start my hairdressing career.*

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## ***What's next?***

- After you make an application, you will hear back about the next step after applications close at end of March
- Each course has a different selection process which you will be informed about after you make an application
- An explanation of each selection process is explained on the website under the School-College Courses

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## *Questions?*

- If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch using the contact details below:

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Ayrshire College**

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# AYRSHIRE GROWTH DEAL – FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS

A Foundation Apprenticeship gives young people the chance to combine work-based qualifications such as Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) or National Certificate (NC) with practical work experience in industry.

The course will be delivered in school and in a workplace environment. Work placements will be provided by the school.

This session the school will offer 3 new Foundation Apprenticeship opportunities:

- Business Skills SCQF Level 6
- Hospitality SCQF Level 5
- Social Services – Children and Young People (Early Education/Childcare) SCQF Level 6

These course will be available for pupils in S5 and S6 only.

# AYRSHIRE GROWTH DEAL – FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS

## **Foundation Apprenticeship – Business Skills (SCQF Level 6 – 24 SCQF Points)**

The course will focus on administration, management and leadership skills and covers key areas of this sector such as digital marketing, procurement, supply chain management, enterprise.

The following qualifications will be gained:

- National Progression Award (NPA) in Business Skills at SCQF Level 6
- Work Based Challenge Unit at SCQF Level 6
- Work Based Learning – SVQ in Business and Administration Level 6.

The pupils who should consider this are:

- Pupils who already have a background in Business and /or Admin and IT
- Pupils with an interest in a career in Business.





# AYRSHIRE GROWTH DEAL – FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS

## **Foundation Apprenticeship – Hospitality (SCQF Level 5 – 24 SCQF Points)**

The course will focus on an introduction to the skills for a career in hospitality such as working in the professional kitchen, working front of house, industry skills and events.

The following qualifications will be gained:

- Skills for Work Hospitality at SCQF Level 5
- Work Based Challenge Unit at SCQF Level 5.

The pupils who should consider this are:

- Pupils with an interest in a career in any part of the Hospitality industry.
- Pupils who select this FA must also select Barista.



# AYRSHIRE GROWTH DEAL – FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS

## **Foundation Apprenticeship –Social Services – Children and Young People (Early Education/Childcare) (SCQF Level 6 – 24 SCQF Points)**

The course will focus on an introduction to the skills for a career in early years/childcare such as how children develop, learn and play and key child protection protocols.

The following qualifications will be gained:

- National Progression Award (NPA) in Social Services (Children and Young People) at SCQF level 6
- Work Based Learning - SVQ in Social Services (Children and Young People) at SCQF level 6

The pupils who should consider this are:

- Pupils with an interest in a career in any part of the Early Years/Childcare industry



# LEADERSHIP PATHWAYS

## Leadership Pathways

Four Leadership Pathways will be offered this year in S5 & S6. Each of these involve the SQA Level 6 Leadership Award alongside courses aligned to the skills required to fill the roles being offered through the Ayrshire growth Deal

**Leadership with Young Enterprise**  
Economic Infrastructure



**Leadership with Powering Futures**  
Energy & The Environment



**Leadership with Energy**  
Energy & The Environment



**Leadership with Barista/Bakery**  
Tourism



**Leadership with Young STEM Leaders**  
Aerospace



**SCQF Level 6 Leadership Award – plus .....**

### Young Enterprise

- SCQF Level 6 award (Glasgow Kelvin College)
- Young Enterprise Exam (Strathclyde University)

### Powering Futures

- SCQF Level 6 Award - Powering Futures
- NPA Level 4 - Climate Change & Sustainability

### Energy

- NPA Level 5 – Energy

### Barista & Bakery

- SCQF Level 5 – Barista Skills
- SCQF Level 5 - Bread Making, Cake Decoration, Pastry & Craft Baking

### Young STEM Leaders

- SCQF Level 6 – Young STEM Leaders Award

# **NEW COMMUNITY LINK COURSE – DANCE**

***DO YOU LOVE TO DANCE?***

***WE'RE GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO GAIN A QUALIFICATION IN  
SOMETHING YOU'RE ALREADY GOOD AT***

As of August 2026, Jam Street Dance will be offering courses in NPA level 4 dance for S4 pupils. National 5 dance for S4-S6 pupils and Higher dance for S5/S6 pupils.

This will run in line with the college courses. In S5/S6 this will be instead of one of your options. In S4 this will replace Core PE and PSE.

**You must audition for a place on the course – please take an information letter with you if interested.**



## PREPARING FOR PROGRESSION

- It is really important at this point to consider where your future might be so you can opt for the correct subjects you will need for your chosen pathway.
- This is the time to start doing your research. Don't leave it too late as you might end up not having the subjects or qualifications you need.
- Useful websites to look at are:
  - UCAS
  - Ayrshire College
  - Apprenticeships Scotland



# PREPARING FOR PROGRESSION

- There is information about every subject in the Kilmarnock Academy Prospectus 2026. You should read this very carefully as it contains information on:
  - Subjects available (in school and with partners)
  - SCQF Level
  - Entry Requirements
  - Course Content
  - Progression
  - Subjects required for different careers pathways



## WHAT SUBJECTS SHOULD I PICK – S4?

In S4 you must maximise your attainment, this means you should pick the subjects you are going to get the best qualifications in. This will give you the best chance of progression in S5 as you must continue with the subjects you picked in S4.

You must pick English and Maths then you should pick **5 other subjects** from those you are **currently studying in S3** (with a few exceptions). You should pick subjects in the following order:

- Those subjects which you are predicted to achieve a National 5.
- Those subjects you are good at
- Those subjects you enjoy



## WHAT SUBJECTS ARE AVAILABLE TO PICK – S4?

- Geography
- History
- Modern Studies
- People & Society
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Health Sector
- Science
- PE
- Dance
- French
- Spanish
- Languages & Culture
- Gaelic
- Gàidhlig
- Music
- Music Technology
- Drama
- Art & Design
- Creative Industries
- Digital Media
- Administration & IT
- Business Management
- Design & Manufacture
- Graphic Communication
- Practical Woodwork
- Personal Development
- Barista
- Early Education & Childcare
- Cycle Maintenance
- College Courses

## SCHOOL LEAVING AGE

- Turning 16 by or on 30<sup>th</sup> September – you can leave at the summer (end of S4)
- Turning 16 between 1<sup>st</sup> October and end of February, official school leaving date is December.
- However, you can get early release from school **IF** you get onto a full-time College course.

## S5 EXPECTATIONS

This is the most important year in your school career. This is the year where you need to get your best possible qualifications.

- Study five Highers in S5 where possible, but no less than four, if you intend to accumulate enough Highers to meet entry requirements for University courses. You should study subjects to the highest level you possibly can.
- If wanting to pursue a career in law, medicine, dentistry, optometry or veterinary studies, you must attain five strong (often A grade) Highers in S5
- Commit the next year of your life to serious studying and familiarise yourself with the entry requirements for courses you are interested in
- Understand the increased demand of courses in S5 (often more than double the content of N5 courses)

## WHAT SUBJECTS SHOULD I PICK – S5?

In S5 you must maximise your attainment by picking as many subjects at Higher as you can. This will give you the best chance of progression to your chosen pathway after school.

You should pick **5 subjects** from those you are **currently studying in S4** (with a few exceptions). You should pick subjects in the following order:

- Those subjects listed as entry requirements for the university or college course(s) of your choice (presuming you pass National 5 in S4 with an A or B). This will ensure you gain the best qualifications you can and have the best chance of success.
- 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

## WHAT SUBJECTS ARE AVAILABLE TO PICK – S5?

- English
- Maths
- Applications of Maths
- Geography
- History
- Modern Studies
- Travel & Tourism
- Politics
- Legal Studies (with criminology)
- Biology
- Human Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Health Sector
- PE
- Dance
- French
- Spanish
- Gaelic
- Gàidhlig
- Music
- Music Technology
- Drama
- Art & Design
- Creative Industries
- Digital Media
- Photography
- Administration & IT
- Business Management
- Business & IT
- Applied Design & Construction Skills
- Graphic Communication
- Milk Bar
- Practical Cookery
- Performing Engineering Operations
- Foundation Apprenticeship
- Leadership Pathway
- College Courses

## SHOULD I PICK A SUBJECT IF I GET A 'C' AT NATIONAL 5?

Some subjects have better chance of progression from a C at National 5 than others. If you get a 'C' at National 5 in the following subjects there is a greater than 50% chance of passing Higher.

**For other subjects the chances of passing at higher are much smaller and we would not recommend you pick these.** You will be given advice about this during your options interview.

- Administration & IT
- Art & Design
- Geography
- Graphic Communication
- Modern Studies
- Music
- Music Technology
- PE

## EXAMPLE – PROGRESSION (S4 TO S5)

### S4 Attainment:

N5 English - B

N5 Maths - B

N5 Chemistry - A

N5 PE - No award

N5 Design and Manufacture - A

N5 Physics - B

N5 Modern Studies - C

### S5 Choices:

Higher English

Higher Maths

Higher Physics

Higher Chemistry

Higher Design & Manufacture



## EXAMPLE - PROGRESSION (S4 TO S5)

### S4 Attainment:

N5 English - B

N5 Maths - D

N5 History - A

N5 Art - C

N4 Biology - Pass

N5 Chemistry - C

N4 Music - Pass

### S5 Choices:

Higher English

Higher History

Higher Art (C has good progression rate)

Level 6 Leadership Pathway

N5 Applications of Maths

## EXAMPLE - PROGRESSION (S4 TO S5)

### S4 Attainment:

N5 History - D

N5 Art – C

N5 PE - B

N4 English - Pass

N4 Maths - Pass

N4 Biology - Pass

N4 Geography - Pass

### S5 Choices:

Higher PE

Higher Art

Level 5 Practical Cookery

Level 5 Health Sector

College Course

## S5/6 EXPECTATIONS

### If deciding to remain at school for S5 and/or S6:

- Contracts
- Support for uniform policy, including blazer.
- 100% attendance where possible.
- Remain on campus – no driving lessons/work during the school day.
- Focussed and committed to studies.
- Complete all courses – no subjects can be ‘dropped’ throughout the year.
- Desire to demonstrate leadership via mentoring opportunities, prefect duties, etc.
- Commitment to the wider life of the school/school events.
- References – Work/College/UCAS.

KILMARNOCK ACADEMY  
S5/6 AGREEMENT  
SESSION 2024/25

Name of Pupil: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

The agreed course of study is:

Subject	Level

(i) I approve the above course and I understand that my child must also attend one period of PSE each week.

(ii) I note that my child should complete all homework, study and revision as required.

(iii) I note that my child should wear full school uniform every day.

(iv) I note that my child should attend all classes.

(v) I understand that any course changes must be made by 1<sup>st</sup> September and that my child cannot opt out of courses during the session.

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

(i) I will attend all classes including College, YASS, PSE, etc.

(ii) I will wear full school uniform every day.

(iii) I will complete the necessary homework, study and exam revision to the best of my ability.

(iv) I understand that I cannot opt out of courses during the session.


(v) I will make every effort to ensure I attend all classes and arrive at school on time.

(vi) I will remain on the school campus, even during study periods, where I will report to the library and sign in/out.

(vii) I understand I should not leave the school campus during the school day to go on driving lessons or go to work.

Signature of Pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

School Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ (DHT/PTPS)



## WHAT SUBJECTS SHOULD I PICK – S6?

In S6 you should supplement your attainment by picking a range of subjects that you need for what you require when you leave school. This is the last chance to achieve these in school

You should pick subjects in the following order

- Those subjects listed as entry requirements for the university or college course(s) of your choice
- Subjects you have previous experience in, for example, studied in S4 but did not pick in S5
- Subjects which you have a particular interest in eg Politics, Sports Development
- Subjects which allow you to build essential skills eg Leadership

# WHAT SUBJECTS ARE AVAILABLE TO PICK – S6?

- English
- Maths
- Applications of Maths
- Geography
- History
- Modern Studies
- Travel & Tourism
- Politics
- Legal Studies (with Legal Studies)
- Biology
- Human Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Health Sector
- PE
- Sports Development
- Dance
- French
- Spanish
- Gaelic
- Gàidhlig
- Music
- Music Technology
- Drama
- Art & Design
- Creative Industries
- Digital Media
- Photography
- Administration & IT
- Business Management
- Business & IT
- Applied Design & Construction Skills
- Graphic Communication
- Leadership Pathways
- Foundation Apprenticeship
- Milk Bar
- Practical Cookery
- Performing Engineering Operations
- College Courses

## WHAT OTHER COURSES CAN I PICK – S6?

- YASS – SCQF Level 7
  - Open University Modules delivered Online
  - Broadly at SCQF7 level (Advanced Higher, first year of University)
  - Self directed online
  - Does not contribute directly to UCAS but does count towards Open University study and wider attainment profile
  - Courses in areas such as Law and Science
- SWEIC – SCQF Level 6 or 7
  - Virtual learning campus
  - Range of subjects available at Higher and Advanced Higher: Ad H History, Ad H English, H Politics, Ad H Maths, Ad H Graphic Communication, Ad H Business. In addition to this, there will be a range of Modern Languages at N5 to Ad H level, including French, German, Italian & Spanish.
- College Courses - SCQF Level 5, 6 or 7

## THE OPTIONS PROCESS & KEY DATES

Each young person will have an individual meeting with your Pupil Support Teacher who will discuss the following:

- What you plan on doing when you leave school
- Your best subjects
- The subjects we recommend you pick to maximise your attainment
- You will then complete together your pathways form and your PTPS will complete a spreadsheet with your choices recorded on it
- You will take your pathways form home to be signed by your parents/ carers
- Your PTPS will discuss the expectation for S5/S6 and issue your agreement form, you will also take this home to be signed by your parent/ carer



## THE OPTIONS PROCESS & KEY DATES (S5 TO S6)

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Pathway Forms issued
- Week Beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Individual pupil interviews with PTPS
- Week Beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Pupil Assembly
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Careers Fayre
- Week Beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Full Reports Issued
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Deadline for return of Pathway Forms**

## THE OPTIONS PROCESS & KEY DATES (S4 TO S5)

- Week Beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Pupil Assembly
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Careers Fayre
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Pathway Forms issued
- Week Beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Individual pupil interviews with PTPS
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January – S4 Parents' Night
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Deadline for return of Pathway Forms**

## THE OPTIONS PROCESS & KEY DATES (S3 TO S4)

- Week Beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Pupil Assembly
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Careers Fayre
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Pathway Forms issued
- Week Beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Individual pupil interviews with PTPS
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – S3 Parents' Night
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Deadline for return of Pathway Forms**

## THE OPTIONS PROCESS & KEY DATES

If pathway forms are not returned by the required date you may not get the options you have selected as your form will not be included in the computer program that is used in the next stage of the options process.

## WHERE WILL I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?

- All the information you require will be on the school blog:
  - Assembly presentation
  - Options information evening for parents/ carers and pupils' presentation
  - Kilmarnock Academy Prospectus 2026
  - Progression Pathways Forms
  - Progression from 'C' at National 5 information
  - Frequently Asked Questions

## ANY QUESTIONS?

- If you have any questions please wait behind and we will try and answer these
- Alternatively please call the school and ask for your young persons Pupil Support Teacher