

S2 Options Evening

Thursday 8 February

WELCOME

Support for Students

DYW Careers Event

Personal & Social Education Lessons

Pastoral Support Interviews + SDS Interviews (Chris Doyle)

“Which Way Now?” Booklet (available on school website)

S2 Reports (Issued Friday 2 February)

Parents' Evening

National Qualifications

S3/4

- National 4 & 5 qualifications

S5

- Higher & other level 6 qualifications (small number of level 5 available)

S6

- Advanced Higher, Higher & other level 6 qualifications alongside community involvement

National 5 Courses

- There is an exam at the end of most courses.
- The Course Grade is derived from the final examination and the internal coursework (performance, evaluations, portfolios, research tasks) A, B, C, D, No Award.
- <http://www.sqa.org.uk/>
very useful for course overviews/ assessment criteria etc.

National 4 Courses

- Each course is made up from some units, usually three.
- The units are studied either all together or one after another.
- There is no external exam at the end of the course. The award is pass/fail.

How many subjects will I take in S3?

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
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Social Subjects Column

Every pupil must choose 1 social subject

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GEOGRAPHY



HISTORY



MODERN STUDIES



Science Column

Every pupil must choose 1 science subject

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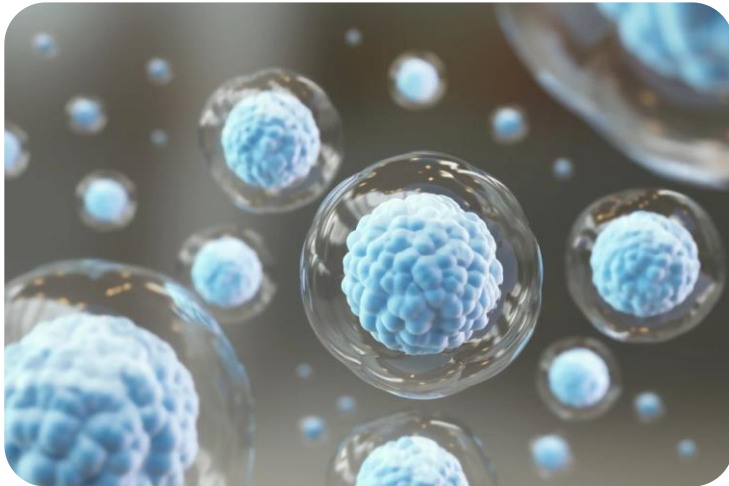
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BIOLOGY



CHEMISTRY



PHYSICS



Technologies column

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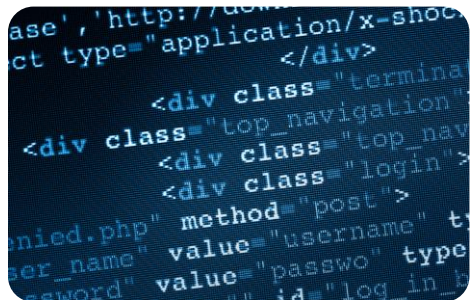
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COMPUTING SCIENCE



HEALTH & FOOD TECHNOLOGY



HOSPITALITY



BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION



Expressive Arts Column

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Every pupil must choose a subject from expressive arts

ART & DESIGN



DRAMA



MUSIC



SPORT & RECREATION



PRACTICAL WOODWORKING



“Option” column

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ART & DESIGN



ADMIN & IT



CHEMISTRY



DRAMA



MANDARIN



SPANISH



Column I

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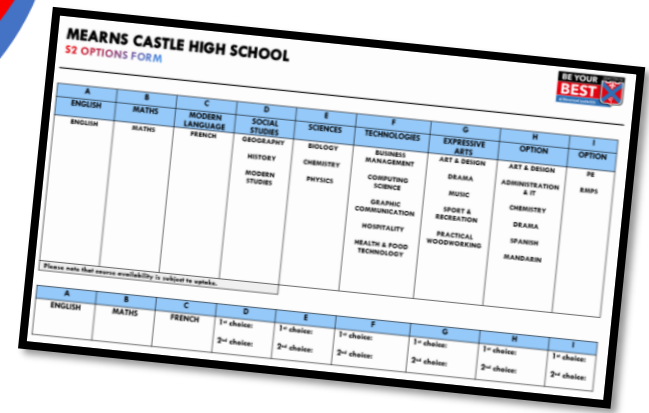
PHYSICAL EDUCATION



RMPS



S3 Options



The image shows a sample of the S2 Options Form from Mearns Castle High School. The form is titled 'MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL S2 OPTIONS FORM' and features a 'BE YOUR BEST' logo. It is structured into nine columns (A through I) and two rows. The subjects listed in each column are as follows:

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- All the subjects in each column in the Option Form will be timetabled concurrently.
- This means you must pick one subject from each column
- The 9 column structure guarantees progression in the senior school.

Supporting Pupils' Option Choices

DO pick subjects because...	DON'T pick subjects because...
You enjoy them	You like a certain teacher
You are good at them	You think there will be less homework
They interest you	You think you "should" do it
They are relevant to your career aspirations	Your friends are choosing it

S2 Options Timeline

Thursday 8 February

- Options evening
- Options form opens


Tuesday 13 February

- Options form closes

Wednesday 14 & Thursday 16 February

- Options interviews

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Final Advice for Parents & Carers

- Discuss the options process fully with your child and help them to be ambitious but realistic
- Listen to their views on their choice and help them weigh up pros and cons
- Help them to think ahead about future destinations
- Encourage them to choose a breadth of subjects that allow for flexibility in the future

Thank You

Mutual Respect



Equality



Ambition



Resilience



Nurture



Sustainability

