

S5/6 Options Evening

Monday 20 January – 7pm

Mr M McGarry– S4 DHT

Mr G Stewart– S5 DHT

WELCOME

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S5

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In S2, Maths, French & English were compulsory	→	English is still compulsory, Maths and French are not

Sample S5 Timetable

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Monday	Bus Man	Bus Man	History	History	PE	Maths	Maths
Tuesday	English	English	Bus Man	Bus Man	Biology	Biology	PSE
Wednesday	Maths	Maths	English	English	Bus Man	Bus Man	
Thursday	History	History	Maths	Maths	Biology	Biology	PE
Friday	Biology	Biology	History	History	English	English	

Supporting Pupils' Option Choices

1

- Curriculum Evening, Tracking Reports, Parents' Evening, Virtual Parents' Meeting for Course Choice

2

- Post Prelim Report (18th January)

3

- S4 Assembly and PSE Presentations

4

- The Way Ahead (Senior Options) Booklet

5

- Check-ins with class teacher – planning for next year

Raising Attainment



5 or more National 5 Awards (A-C)

Year	Prelim	Final Exams	Added
2024	71%	85%	34 pupils
2023	68%	84%	38 pupils
2022	69%	81%	25 pupils
2020	70%	83%	31 pupils
2019	64%	80%	37 pupils

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The Recipe for Success

- **THE BASICS**

- Attendance, homework, pace, effort in class

- **STUDY PLANNING**

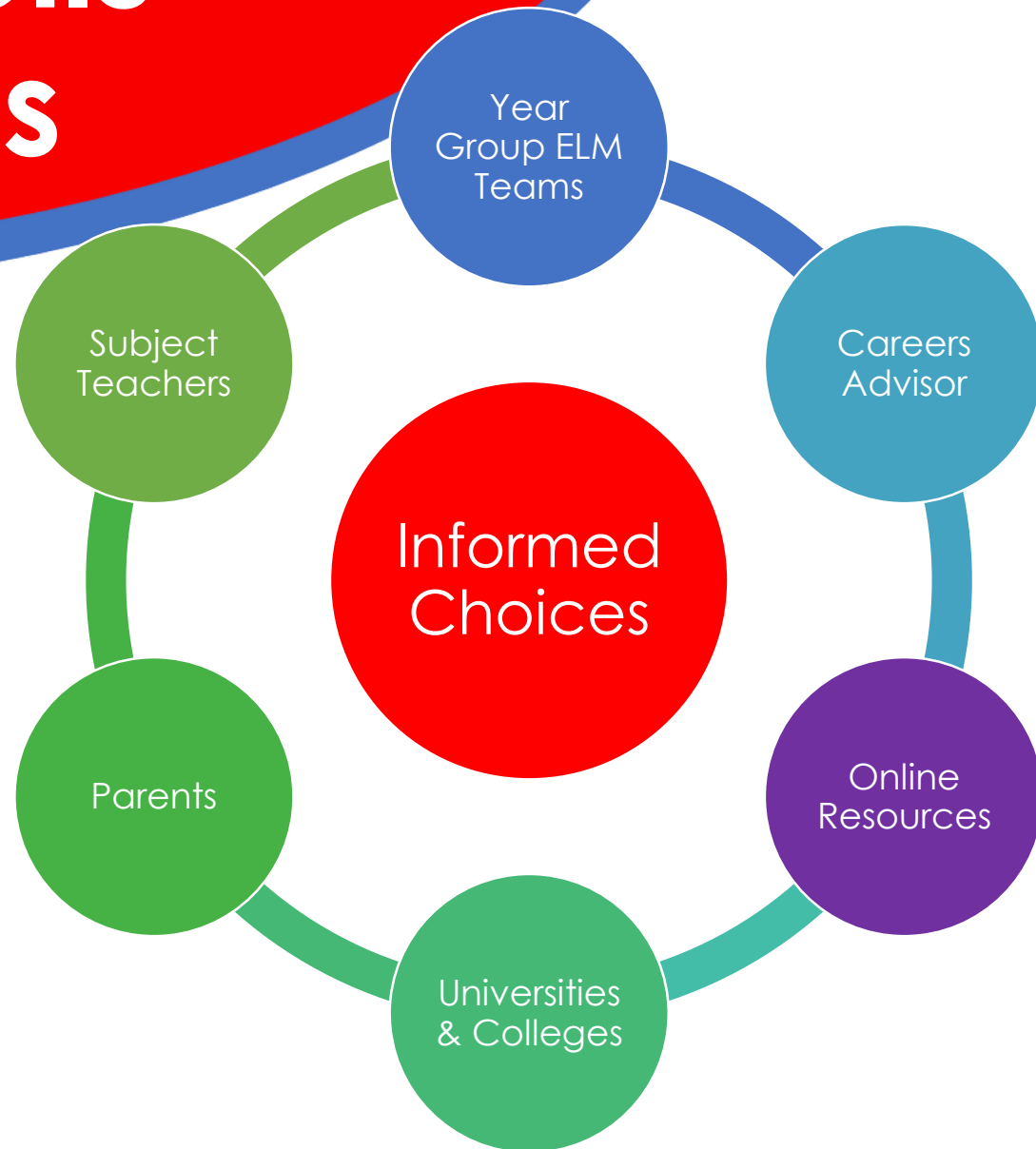
- Study planners and flash cards available in school

- **DAILY CHOICES**

- If it's going to help, do it



Supporting Pupils' Option Choices



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The more you complete, the better career suggestions we can give you.



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You haven't completed any sections yet. Get started by selecting one of the above.

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- How subject choices relate to future careers
- Employment and Apprenticeship Family opportunities
- Advice for parents on supporting the young people at big decision times
- “About Me” resource & Strengths tool - how personality and interests relate to careers
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Entry Requirements

2021 entry requirements:
4 Highers at AABB (BBBB for widening access entry) including Maths or a science subject plus English at National 5.

Advanced entry to 2nd year available with Advanced Highers at AB including Maths or Economics



Related job profiles

Economist

S4 - The Term Ahead

Friday 18 January – Reports go home

Monday 20 January – Course Choice Evening for Parents (V)

Tuesday 21 January – Microsoft Forms and Best 5 Letter home

Thursday 30 January– Microsoft Options Forms closes.

Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 5 February – Course Choice Interviews (Optional)

Friday 16 February – Deadline for confirmation of choices

Option Structure

Choose 5 subjects from the current 9 (where possible)

Move up to the next level – **where numbers allow**

National 5



Higher

National 4



National 5/NPA

NB: Some subjects do not run at N5 level in S5

Things to think about

- Intended date of leaving
- Career Interest
- Planned destination
- Continue with five best subjects based on prelim results, with one being **English**

Is your child thinking of leaving school?

16 between 1/3/25 & 30/9/25
Then they can leave in the summer

16 between 1/10/25 & end Feb 2026
Then they can leave at the end of December
2025 (Christmas holiday)

16 from 1/3/25 then they must attend for all of
S5

**If this is something your child is considering,
then please contact Mr Gooch/ Mrs Hamilton
ASAP (via the school office)**

Making the Choice

S4 Curriculum			S5 Curriculum	
SUBJECT	N5	N4	HIGHER	N5
ENGLISH	B		X	
MATHS	A		X	
GEOGRAPHY	B		X	
FRENCH	B			
BIOLOGY	C			
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	A		X	
PE	A		X	
DRAMA	B			

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Art	97%	47%
Modern Studies	94%	58%

Headlines from the Data

- An 'A' pass at National 5 gives a very good chance of **passing** at Higher - this does not necessarily mean an 'A' pass at Higher.
- A 'C' pass at National 5 gives a 50-50 chance in some subjects but much less in others.

The Data:

- These are statistics and therefore general statements about expected progression.
- Each pupil is an individual and we will work with them to make the correct choices in order to provide the best opportunities for continued success

Best Advice

- Do your research
- Stick to 5 statistically **BEST** subjects to be successful in S5
- Vocational and Foundation Apprenticeship offer is available for a small number of pupils at this stage – part of S6 presentation

Supporting Pupils' Option Choices

Renegotiate choice if necessary - August 2025

PROGRESSION TO S6

Mr G. Stewart– S5 DHT



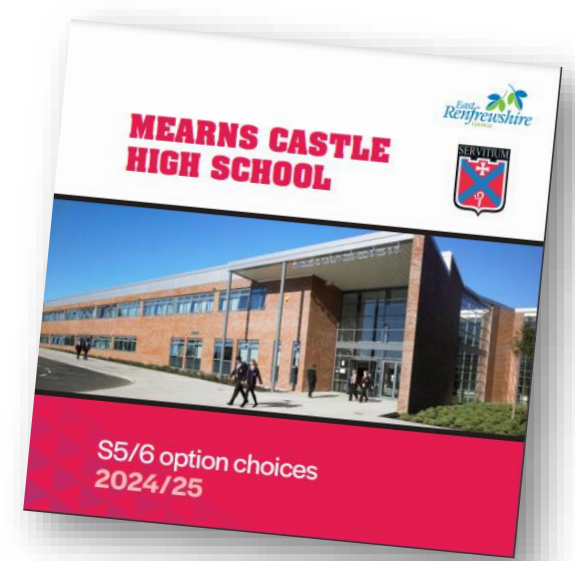
What's Different in S6?

S6 is a transitional year

- Add to existing package of qualifications (increasingly competitive)
- Preparation for the wider world
- More independent learning



Options Process



- All pupils will select **at least 4 timetabled subjects** for S6
- The senior options booklet will provide full details about entry requirements for all options – in school and at college
 - e.g. to study Level 7 Award in Psychology you must have at least a B at Higher English*

Senior Options Booklet

PUPIL ELIGIBILITY

You must have:

- National 5 Maths and a Science at A or B level

BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING

Glasgow Kelvin College - Springburn Campus
SCQF Level 6 – Open to S6 Pupils

COURSE OUTLINE

The National Certificate (NC) in Building Services Engineering will provide you with the opportunity to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills of the building services engineering sector of the construction industry.

ATTENDANCE PATTERN

Monday and Wednesday all day.

Please note, that unlike other options, this course requires continuous attendance from August to June and may impact on other subjects attendance.
In addition, you will travel independently by bus or train.

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QUALIFICATION BREAKDOWN

National Certificate in Building Services Engineering
SCQF Level 6:

Mandatory Units:

- Health and Safety
- Graphical Detailing
- Science
- Electrical & Electronic Technology
- Building Services Engineering Technology
- Mathematics: Technician
- Construction Technology & Design
- Building Services Engineering: Design Project

You will study optional units to be discussed with the lecturer once course commences, such as:

- Heating & Plumbing
- Air Conditioning & Ventilation
- Refrigeration Technology
- Planning, Organisation and Control of Resources in Construction

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ME WHEN I FINISH?

You might go on to:

- Modern Apprenticeships in Heating and Ventilation, Service and Maintenance, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning or general employment in the engineering or construction industry.
- A Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Building Services Engineering, Electrical Installation, Plumbing, Mechanical Engineering or Manufacturing Engineering
- Skills Development Scotland professionally qualified careers advisers are available in school to support young people with making key career decisions as they progress through school, and beyond.

Valuable resources: www.myworldofwork.co.uk • www.planitplus.net • www.workit.info

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DRAMA	B						
ADMIN & IT						X	

TAKING ON EXTRA RESPONSIBILITY

- Passed all five subjects in S5
- Have identified community involvement or CV enhancing activity

Leadership Roles in Sixth Year

- Pupil Leadership Team
- House Leadership Teams
- Committees

- Academic Family (Supporting P7s into S1)
- Buddy system (New S1s in August)
- Peer Mentoring (Support S4 and S5 with studies)
- Subject Ambassadors
- Community Involvement
- Young Enterprise

Pupil Leadership

- Election of Head Boy/Girl and Depute Head Boy/Girl

The process will take place in June and will include year group speeches and interview with HT and DHT

- Election of House Captains

This process will take place early next session, August/ September

S6 Options Timeline

Monday 20 January

- Options evening & research begins

Thursday 27 February

- Full Reports issued to parents
- Options choice form opens

Tuesday 4 March

- Options choice form closes

Wednesday 12 March

- Final options sent to ERC

Thank You

Mutual Respect



Equality



Ambition



Resilience



Nurture



Sustainability

