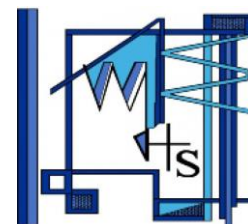


# WOODFARM HIGH SCHOOL

## The Way Ahead – Part 2



S5/6 option choices  
2022/23



Enterprise Education Sep 2006



Health Promoting Nov 2004



Dyslexia Friendly Dec 2006

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## **WFHS 'The Way Ahead' Part 2**

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### Choosing the Right Courses

To maximise attainment and post school opportunities it is essential that pupils choose courses that build on strengths from prior learning. We want to ensure that all pupils choose courses that optimise their chances of success.

Every S4/5 pupil will have a one-to-one interview with their Pastoral Support teacher to discuss their option choices for S5/6. Prior to this meeting pupils will have asked their subject teachers to complete their 'Progression' form. This will allow pupils to make informed choices, based on their teachers' recommendation. For pupils sitting National 5 hoping to progress to Higher, the progression charts below will further inform the decision making process and help maximise opportunities for attainment.

### Progression from National 5 to Higher Charts

The tables below provide the ERC progression rates from National 5 to Higher. We have used the 2018 and 2019 data as this represent the last data of traditional SQA exams.

	N5 Grades		
	A	B	C
Admin	100	89	83*
Art & Design	97	78	38*
Biology	98	74	63*
Business Man.	98	85	50
Chemistry	99	67	33
Computing	97	56	54
Drama	98	88	na
English	96	68	32
French	98	80	na

% of pupils passing Higher

	N5 Grades		
	A	B	C
Geography	98	91	67
Graphic Comm.	100	100	55
History	91	70	50
Mathematics	95	60	30
Modern Studies	100	83	27
Music	98	90*	na
Physical Education	100	90	75
Physics	99	75	54
Spanish	95	43*	na

\*data based on 5-10 pupils / na less than 5 pupils

e.g. In National 5 Physics, pupils achieving an A grade pass have a 99% chance of passing Higher Physics whereas pupils achieving a C grade pass at National 5 have a 54% chance of passing Higher Physics.

Similarly in Graphic Communication, statistically all pupils who achieve an A or B in N5 Graphics and choose to sit the Higher should achieve a pass.

## Senior School Curricular Choices – your individual pathway



Choosing your senior school curricular pathway is an important decision to make and will be done in partnership with your Pastoral Support Teacher/Parents/Carers. An overview of your individual needs and levels of attainment will be taken into account so that you make an informed choice based on grades from S4.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. Group \_\_\_\_\_ Pastoral Support Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

### Where am I now?

Subjects I am currently studying	Teachers that currently teach me	Current Level that I am working on e.g. N3, N4, N5	Faculty Recommended Pathway e.g. N4, N5, Higher, NPA		Teacher's comment (optional)
			Course	Level	

Where am I going? My career aspiration is to be \_\_\_\_\_

### How do I get there? My senior school curricular pathway

Subjects that are suited to my chosen career	Subjects that I am advised to take	Level of progression that meets my needs

**Any additional comments**

Pupil Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastoral Support Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## East Renfrewshire Education Maintenance Allowance

This is available to new S5/S6 in session 2022/23. Pupils aged 16 or over may qualify for an EMA which is means tested based on parental earnings. Further information is available on the Scottish Government's Website <https://www.mygov.scot/ema>

Pupils who attend Woodfarm, no matter if they reside in ERC or not apply for an EMA via ERC.

Our local office is: East Renfrewshire Council  
211 Main Street  
Barrhead  
GLASGOW  
Tel. 0141 577 3258/3276

Forms will also be available from the school office

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## Routes Beyond School

The last section of this booklet gives information on:

- Scottish Colleges and Universities Open Days 2022/23
- Higher Education
- Further Education
- Graduate Apprenticeships
- Modern Apprenticeships

## Scottish Colleges and Universities Open Days 2022/23

During the course of S5/6 students will be expected to make decisions about courses they may wish to apply for. In order to help them choose, many colleges and universities hold open days to allow prospective students to visit. A few points should be noted.

1. Students will be expected to take advantage of weekend sessions where possible, or, in the case of the 6th year, non-class time.
2. These visits will be open only to students who are likely to apply in session 2022/23
3. Students wishing to go to any open day should first discuss the matter with Depute Head of S5/6, bringing a letter of consent from their parents. Students will be required to make their own transport arrangements. A permission code will be applied to the attendance printout.
4. All relevant information with regards to open days will be posted on the year group Google Classrooms and it is the students responsibility to consult it and keep up-to-date.

## Higher Education

Higher Education is the collective name for university or college courses at SCQF level 7 or higher. For the majority of pupils this will mean applying to university using the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service known as **UCAS**. At Woodfarm we have a robust system to support pupils through this process.

## Entry Requirements

Entry requirements vary depending on the course and the establishment. Pupils should ensure they already meet or are on track to meet the minimum requirements before applying.

## When to Apply

### Early Applicants – October Submission

This is for course/universities that require applications to be submitted by the end of October for example pupils applying for medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, some Law degrees or to Oxford and Cambridge. Pupils will be allocated a member of staff as their UCAS mentor who will support them through this process. The school will also provide support for the UCAT and LNAT assessments that the pupils are required to complete on-line. However, please note that these are undertaken independently by each candidate and are not co-ordinated through the school. Universities such as Oxford and Cambridge also have their own entrance assessments.

### All other applicants – December Submission

All pupils will work with their pastoral support teacher to identify the correct pathway for their chosen career. Pupils will receive information on how to complete UCAS applications through the PSHE programme and will be able to use tools such as My World of Work to support them. Some institutes reply to students within a couple of weeks whilst others wait until March. Once a pupil has received a response from all their choices they then accept one.

## Higher Education Finance

Finance for Higher Education is through the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SSAS).



## Further Education

- Colleges offer a wide range of courses including:
- National Qualifications (NQ)/National Certificate (NC)
- Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQ)
- Higher National Certificates/Diplomas (HNC/HND)
- City and Guilds
- Access courses

Check out college websites for full details of what is on offer.

## Entry Requirements

These will vary, depending on the nature and level of the course. Some courses have a minimum age requirement; others may demand previous experience. College staff will be happy to answer any queries you may have.

## When to Apply

Applications for Christmas leavers open October/November and for August courses, applications open at the end of January/early February. All applications are completed online (but it is sometimes possible to request or download a paper application form). These are logged in date/time order and are 'first come first served', so it is essential that young people complete these in good time to avoid being placed on a waiting list.

## Further Education Finance

Pupils attending Further Education institutes qualify for student bursaries, and if under 20 years old may continue to be in receipt of child benefit. Information about funding for your college course can be obtained on myworldofwork website at: <http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/content/finding-the-right-funding-for-you>

## Things You Can Do:

- Research your ideas thoroughly using [www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk) and [www.planitplus.net](http://www.planitplus.net) and college websites
- Attend College Open Days/Evenings
- Speak to Course tutors
- Check the Careers and Vocational Information on the year group Google Classroom, Twitter and the school website
- Register for WorkER – A Place to Work Alerts – for Modern Apprenticeships and job vacancies regularly
- Glasgow postcode pupils – check the Commonwealth Apprenticeship Initiative website for Modern Apprenticeship vacancies

## Graduate Apprenticeships

### A job + work-based training + part-time studying at university working towards a degree

A Graduate Apprenticeship helps you build the skills and knowledge that Scottish industries need. You'll work, get paid, and achieve a degree – even up to masters level. You'll spend most of your time learning on the job, but will also be a student at a university or college.

- You'll be in a paid job
- You'll gain your qualification with a respected university or college
- You'll be putting your learning into practice right away, solving problems on real world projects
- Your work counts towards gaining your qualification, so you could gain your degree faster
- Designed by and for industry.
- What you learn is relevant, and right for your role.

The learning costs are fully funded by SDS and supported by European Social Fund. Individuals who participate in Graduate Apprenticeships can access the same learning opportunities as those who go down the traditional route of direct entry into college or university.

Graduate Apprenticeships can also lead to positive employment as companies have invested more time/money in your training.

## Types of Graduate Apprenticeships

- Accounting
- Business Management (including Financial Services)
- Civil Engineering: Higher Apprenticeships
- Civil Engineering: SCQF Level 10
- Construction and the Built Environment
- Cyber Security
- Data Science
- Early Learning and Childcare
- Engineering: Design and Manufacture
- Engineering: Instrumentation, Measurement and Control
- IT: Management for Business
- IT: Software Development

Find out more on [www.apprenticeships.com](http://www.apprenticeships.com)



## Modern Apprenticeships

### What Is a Modern Apprenticeship?

#### A job + work-based training = a Modern Apprenticeship

Becoming a Modern Apprentice (MA) is a great way to kick start any career. How else could you learn on the job, receive invaluable practical experience and work towards an industry-recognised vocational qualification, whilst getting paid?

#### A Modern Apprentice is:

- Someone who is employed
- Someone who is learning on-the-job
- Someone earning a wage from day one
- Someone working towards a industry-recognised qualification
- Someone just like you!

Modern Apprenticeships are open to anyone aged 16 or over. However, if you're over 25 you can still apply, but your employer may have to pay for the cost of training, depending on the sector and Modern Apprenticeship selected.

### Types of Modern Apprenticeship

Modern Apprenticeships are available in a huge range of occupations. For full details see [www.myworldofwork.co.uk/modernapprenticeships](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/modernapprenticeships). Here, the range of industries in which Modern Apprenticeship opportunities are categorised as:

- Admin, Business and Management
- Computers and IT
- Creative Industries
- Energy
- Food and Drink
- Life Sciences
- Sport and Leisure
- Transport
- Animals, Land and Environment
- Construction and Building
- Retail and Customer Services
- Financial Services
- Health and Caring
- Manufacturing and Engineering
- Tourism

### What's involved in a Modern Apprenticeship?

It is a structured programme designed to take you through the skills and competencies that you need to perform a job well. Along the way there will be objectives and goals to achieve, ensuring you are learning, progressing and being supported by your employer at each stage. You will be based at your place of work most of the time, and for some sectors take part in off-the-job training to achieve the agreed outcomes and qualification set out by the employer. Off-the-job training will usually take place at your local college or with a specialist training provider on a day-release basis once a week or a number of days in a block.

### How long does a Modern Apprenticeship take to complete?

Modern Apprenticeships generally take between one and four years to complete depending on the level of the apprenticeship, your ability and the industry sector.

## What's The Pay Like?

Although there is no set rate of pay for apprentices, you're entitled to the national minimum wage. Gov.uk has more information on pay rates for apprentices.

## Do I Need Qualifications?

Not necessarily. While some industries want apprentices who already have standard grades at general level other employers do not ask for any formal qualifications at all. Some employers may ask for previous experience in certain industries. It is worth looking at the individual types of apprenticeship to find out if any qualifications or experience is required.

It is important to note that you might need to sit an assessment when applying for a Modern Apprenticeship:

- The construction and oil and gas industries will require you to sit an aptitude test before applying for any opportunities
- Some individual employers might also have their own aptitude tests during the application process such as Scottish Water