

ROSSHALL ACADEMY

SENIOR PHASE OPTIONS PATHWAYS



SUBJECT LIST (S3 INTO S4)

Pupils choose 5 subjects (Maths and English are automatically chosen)

Administration	Computing Science	Employability
Art & Design	Criminology	Engineering Science N4/N5
Biology	Dance	English as a Second
Business	Design & Manufacture	Language
Business Management	Drama	French Games Development
Business and IT	Economics	Geography
Chemistry		German
Computer		
Graphic Communication	Modern Lang for Life &	Practical Electronics
Health & Food Technology	Work	Practical Woodworking
Health Sector	Music	RMPS
History	Music Technology	Science
Hospitality: Practical	Physical Education	Spanish
Cookery	Physics	Sports Leaders
Modern Studies	Practical Cookery	

ROSSHALL ACADEMY – PLANNING YOUR FUTURE

This booklet helps you plan your Senior Phase (S4–S6) by showing how school subjects link to popular post-school destinations such as university, college, apprenticeships, and employment.

How to Use This Booklet

- Look at the list of **available subjects**.
- Find a **pathway** that matches your interests or destination.
- Use this as a **guide** — you'll receive personalised advice during option interviews.
- Remember: pathways are flexible. There is more than one route to success.
- **S4 pupils choose 7 subjects** (Maths and English are compulsory).
- **S5 pupils choose 6 subjects**.
- **S6 pupils choose 4 or 5 subjects**, including Advanced Highers if available.

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MEDICINE



YEAR SUBJECTS

S4	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, Biology ★, Chemistry ★, optional Physics, optional Modern Studies
S5	English Higher ★, Maths Higher ★, Higher Biology ★, Higher Chemistry ★, optional Higher Physics or Modern Studies
S6	Optional continuation; Advanced Higher Biology ★, Advanced Higher Chemistry ★, optional Advanced Higher Physics

★- essential subject

Extra Information

- Typical Progression: University Medicine/Dentistry (Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Dundee, St Andrews)
- Essential: Biology ★, Chemistry ★, English ★, Maths ★
- Complementary Subjects: Physics, Health Sector, Modern Studies
- Widening Access / Participation: REACH, FOCUS West – Medicine / Dentistry, GCU WP Health programmes
- Typical Highers / Advanced Highers: 5–6 Highers including English, Biology, Chemistry ★, plus optional Advanced Highers

UNIVERSITY COURSES



MEDICINE



DENTISTRY

LAW



YEAR SUBJECTS

S4	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, History, Modern Studies, optional RMPS, optional Languages
S5	English Higher ★, Higher History, Higher Modern Studies, optional Higher RMPS
S6	Optional continuation; Advanced Higher History, Advanced Higher Modern Studies, optional Advanced Higher English

★- essential subject

Senior Phase College Option
Available



Extra Information

- Typical Progression: University (Scottish LLB Law)
- Complementary Subjects: History, Modern Studies, RMPS, Economics, Languages, Drama
- Widening Access / Participation: REACH, FOCUS West – Law & Social Sciences, GCU Connect / WP
- College Options: City of Glasgow College – Social Sciences / Law & Society (L6); Glasgow Clyde College – Criminology / Social Sciences (L5–6)
- Typical Highers / Advanced Highers: 4–5 Highers including English ★, plus optional Advanced Higher in English



College
Courses



University

TEACHING



YEAR SUBJECTS

S4	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, optional Biology, optional History, optional Modern Studies, optional Languages
S5	English Higher ★, Higher English ★, Higher subject relevant to teaching pathway (e.g., Biology, History, Modern Studies, Languages)
S6	Optional continuation; Advanced Higher English ★, optional additional Higher subjects relevant to teaching pathway, pick up Higher/ N5 Maths/ English

★- essential subject

Senior Phase College Option
Available



Extra Information

Typical Progression: University / College (Teaching Degree / HNC Education)

Essential: English ★

Complementary: Subject relevant to intended teaching area



University

COSMETOLOGY / BEAUTY THERAPY



YEAR SUBJECTS

S4	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, Health & Food Technology N5, Art & Design, Administration & IT, optional subjects
S5	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, Health & Food Technology (N5), Art & Design, Administration & IT, Business Management, ESOL, optional College Courses
S6	Optional continuation of S5 subjects; College partnership Beauty courses

★- essential subject

Senior Phase College Option
Available



Extra Information

- **Typical Progression:** College (Beauty Therapy, Make-up Artistry, Nails, Spa Therapy)
- **Complementary Subjects:** Art & Design (creativity), Administration & IT (managing bookings), HFT (health & hygiene), PE (anatomy/physiology context)
- **Senior Phase College courses available for this area [tick]**



College Courses



Glasgow Guarantee
(Modern
Apprenticeships)

SPORT / FITNESS / DANCE



YEAR SUBJECTS

S4	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, PE, optional Dance (N5), optional Health & Food Technology, optional Modern Studies
S5	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, PE, Dance (N5/H), NPA Exercise & Fitness Leadership (L6), Sports Leadership (L5)
S6	Optional continuation; College partnership Sport / Fitness / Dance courses

★- essential subject

Senior Phase College Option
Available



Extra Info

- Typical Progression: College / vocational (Fitness Instructor, Coaching)
- Essential: PE ★
- Complementary: Dance, NPA units

COMPUTING / DIGITAL / GAMES



YEAR SUBJECTS

S4	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, Computing Science, Computer Games Development, optional Administration & IT
S5	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, Computing Science, Computer Games Development, NPA Computing Science (L5/6), Business & IT NPA
S6	Optional continuation; College partnership Computing / Games / Cyber Security courses

Senior Phase College Option Available



Extra Info

- Typical Progression: College Level 5/6; university optional
- Essential: English ★
- Complementary: Maths, Administration & IT



College Courses
(starting at HNC)



University Courses

CHILDCARE



YEAR SUBJECTS

S4	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, Health & Food Technology N5, Biology, Scottish Studies (L4/5), optional Modern Studies, optional PE
S5	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, Health Sector (N5), Scottish Studies (N4/5), Communications & Literacy Award (L5/6), Optional College Course
S6	Optional continuation of S5 subjects; College partnership Early Education & Childcare courses

Senior Phase College Option
Available



Extra Information

- Typical Progression: College (Early Education & Childcare L6 → HNC → employment)
- Complementary Subjects: PE (child development), RMPS (ethics/wellbeing), Modern Studies (social issues), Biology (child development)
- Employment: When you reach 16, you can apply for a Modern Apprenticeship with training providers like [Carousel](#). Training last up to 18 months and you will be placed in a nursery for this time. You will achieve Social Services (Children and Young People) at SCQF Level 7, the recognised qualification for a practitioner working with children.



College Courses



Glasgow Guarantee
(Modern
Apprenticeships)

UNIFORMED SERVICES

(Police, Armed Forces, Fire & Rescue)



YEAR SUBJECTS

S4	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, Modern Studies, PE, optional RMPS
S5	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, Criminology (L5) with Modern Studies, PE, Sports Leadership (L5)
S6	Optional continuation; NPA Exercise & Fitness Leadership (L6); leadership opportunities

Senior Phase College Option
Available



Extra Info

- Typical Progression: College / direct entry / apprenticeships
- Complementary: PE, Criminology, Modern Studies

CONSTRUCTION & TRADES

(Joinery, Electrical, Plumbing, Construction)



YEAR SUBJECTS

S4	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, Practical Woodwork (N4/5), Practical Metalwork (N4/5), optional Practical Electronics
S5	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, Practical Woodwork (N4/5), Practical Metalwork (N4/5), Engineering Science
S6	Optional continuation; College partnership Construction / Pre-apprenticeship courses

**Senior Phase College Option
Available**



Extra Info

- **Typical Progression:** College → apprenticeship → employment
- **Essential:** Maths ★
- **Complementary:** Engineering Science, Practical Electronics

SOCIAL CARE / COMMUNITY WORK



YEAR SUBJECTS

S4	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, Modern Studies, RMPS, optional Health & Food Technology
S5	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, Health Sector (N5), Modern Studies, Communications & Literacy Award (L5/6)
S6	Optional continuation; College partnership Social Care / Care courses

**Senior Phase College Option
Available**



Extra Info

- **Typical Progression:** College Level 5/6 Social Care
- **Essential:** English ★
- **Complementary:** Modern Studies, RMPS

HOSPITALITY & CATERING



YEAR SUBJECTS

S4	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, Health & Food Technology, Practical Cookery, optional Administration & IT
S5	English N4/N5 ★, Maths N4/N5 ★, Practical Cookery, Health & Food Technology, Travel & Tourism (N4/5)
S6	Optional continuation; College partnership Hospitality / Professional Cookery

Senior Phase College Option
Available



Extra Info

- **Typical Progression:** College → employment → management
- **Essential:** English
- **Complementary:** Administration & IT, Business Management

SENIOR PHASE COLLEGE



Pupils entering S5 or S6 can choose a college course as part of their Senior Phase.

**Senior Phase College Option
Available**



Where do courses take place?

Mainly at City of Glasgow College (city centre) and Glasgow Clyde College (Cardonald). Some courses also run at Anniesland and Langside.

How does my child travel?

Pupils should use their Young Person's free bus travel card. Any other transport needs are considered individually.

When are the classes?

Most Level 4–7 courses run Tuesday and Thursday, 1.30pm–4.00pm (Aug 2026–Apr 2027).

Pupils will miss some school lessons and are expected to keep up with classwork.

What can my child study?

Courses include Professional Cookery, Construction, Computer Refurbishment, Business and more, at Levels 1–7, including Foundation Apprenticeships.

Each course has its own entry requirements, and availability changes year to year.

Application Process

After college is agreed during options, pupils create an online account for their chosen college and apply through the portal.

Colleges request a reference from school and email an offer directly to the pupil.

Some offers are conditional on SQA exam results.

Mrs McConnell can support with applications.

Additional Support Needs

Some courses are designed specifically for young people with additional needs, including ASD. Colleges aim to match the support your child already receives in school.

Access the full Senior Phase College Prospectus:



AWARDS AND DESTINATIONS PROGRAMME (S3/S4)



The Awards and Destinations programmes is a vocational programme where pupils take part in an 8-10 week work experience programmes with various partners across the city.

This is open to all pupils in S3 and S4, with a particular leaning to those pupils who plan to leave school when they turn 16.

- Experiences are available in:

- Construction
- Mechanics
- Nail Technicians
- Hairdressing
- Childcare
- Fashion
- Film
- Make Up and Beauty
- Confidence and Resilience



THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at www.scqf.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.



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

Job openings are expected to be concentrated in a small number of industries, with four industries in Glasgow City Region forecast to account for 71,500 (58.3 per cent) of the requirement. These are (see Figure 10):



Wholesale and Retail Trade:
22,600 people



Administrative and Support Service:
19,900 people



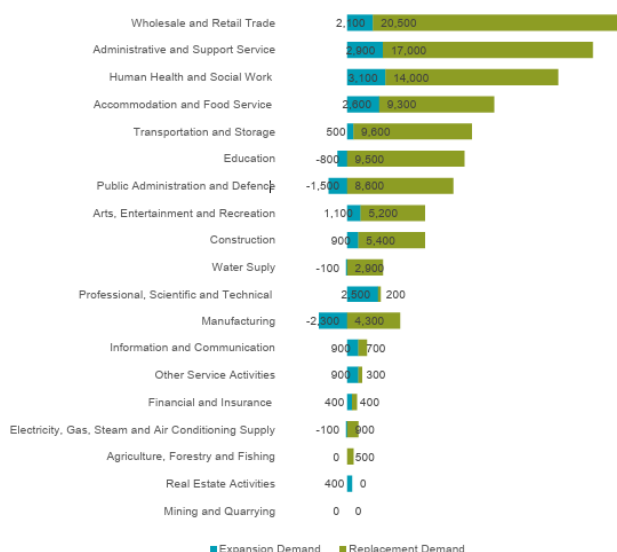
Human Health and Social Work:
17,000 people



Accommodation and Food Service:
11,900 people

Headline figures for each industry do not show how the composition of the industry is changing. Within industries changes to operating practices are taking place, for example the shift to online shopping with a reduction of shopping on the high street within Wholesale and Retail Trade. These shifts are not captured in the aggregated groups. Similar experiences to a greater or lesser extent will be taking place in other industries too and we would encourage readers to bear this in mind when interpreting the data. For further sectoral evidence, please see our Sectoral Skills Assessments.

Figure 10: Forecast total requirement by industry (2022-2025), Glasgow City Region



* Figures may not sum due to rounding.