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Senior Phase Options
Information Briefing
2023



Respect

Equality

Determination

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Our Vision:

*To provide an **equitable and excellent learning environment** for ALL pupils which enables them to maximise their full potential and supports them into appropriate, **positive and sustainable destinations**.*

Our Values:

Respect

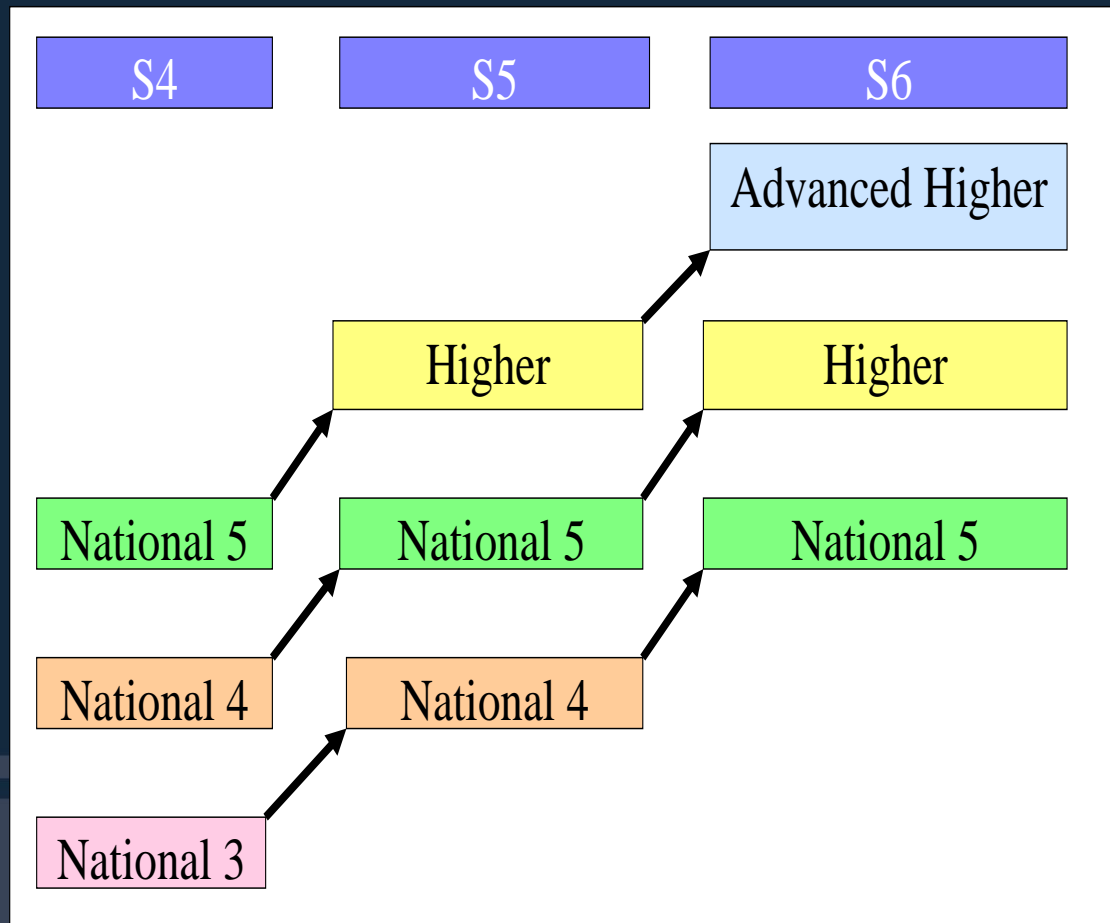
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Level of Award – Progression from BGE (S1-S3)



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The S4 Curriculum

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The S4 Curriculum

- Students study **seven** National Qualifications – **English & Maths** are compulsory
- Subjects are more demanding than in S1-3 BGE
- Pupils study **fewer** subjects than in S3 - **4 periods per week each subject**
- They sit National Qualifications in S4 - Study at 3 different levels, dependant on progress

National 3

National 4

National 5

- Pupils can access other qualifications

e.g. Personal Development, Duke of Edinburgh Award , National Progression Awards,

Developing Young Workforce Certifications

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S4 Curriculum

- Assessment : Final exam carried out by the SQA
- Most subjects - mixture of internal and external assessments
 - PE and HE Nationals are internally assessed

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Name:

Reg Class:

S3 into S4 OPTIONS 2023

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Your S3 courses:		Note down your S3 subjects below					
English/ Literacy	Maths/ Numeracy	Modern Languages					
Your choice of National course for S4		Pick 5 National subjects plus one back up choice to take in case other courses are full/unavailable. We will endeavour to meet your first choices. Pupils should choose a course they have studied in S3. See the attached subject list below.					
English	Maths or Apps of Maths	1	2	3	4	5	6 (Back Up Choice)

Please note that although students studied nine subjects in S3 they will progress seven subjects to National qualification level in S4.

This is in line with national advice regarding the curricular demands that would be placed on students whilst undertaking their National courses in S4.

In addition to the subjects chosen all pupils will also be timetabled for the following classes:

- English
- Mathematics
- PSE
- Core PE
- Core RME

Note:
All courses are offered subject to availability of staff and viability of class sizes.

School Course Options	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration Art & Design Biology Chemistry Computing Science NPA Data Science Dance Design & Manufacture Drama French Geography Graphic Communication History Hospitality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health & Food Technology Modern Studies Music with Performing Music with Technology Practical Woodworking PE Physics NPA PC Passport RMPS Spanish Social Subjects* Subject to discussion with PTPC <p>* Check with department if choosing a different Science or Soc Sub from S3 course.</p>

**Parent/ Carer Signature and
Date**

Please note: Once a pupil's option forms have been processed by the school we may be unable to change options.

Customer Service Barieta L5	Nail Bar	Cycle Maintenance	Childcare	Construction	<p>Employability Streams*</p> <p>Circle <u>one</u> if interested. Subject to availability.</p> <p>Please note you will miss some of your subject periods.</p>
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The S5/6 Curriculum

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The S5/S6 Curriculum

- Subjects are more demanding/offer a broader range of learning
- Pupils study a range of subjects to best meets their needs and future career aims
 - **Higher – 6 periods**
 - **National – 6 periods**
 - **Advanced Higher – 4 periods and self study (*Some can be online*)**
- 'The two term sprint' – pace of learning faster than in S4

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The S5/S6 Curriculum

- National Qualifications:

National 4

National 5

Higher

Advanced Higher

- Wider Achievement period in S5/6
- Pupils can access other qualifications

e.g. Access to Ayrshire College school link courses

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The S5/S6 Curriculum

- Assessment : Final exam carried out by the SQA
- Most subjects - mixture of internal and external assessments

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The S5/S6 Curriculum

- S5: Will have a **full timetable commitment**
 - Level of qualification will be dependent on performance in S4 exams, career pathway etc
- S6: Will have a **full timetable commitment, unless studying Advanced Highers/some college courses**
 - subject choice will be made taking into account performance in S5, career pathway etc

S5/S6 Menu for Trial Options



**S5/S6
MOCK OPTIONS
2023**

Name:

**Register
Class:**

Please note that this is a trial option sheet to allow the school to provide the best suite of options to our pupils. Pupils will select real options at a later date. All courses are offered subject to availability of staff and viability of class sizes.

In addition to the subjects chosen, all pupils in S5/6 will also be timetabled for one period of PSE and a choice wider achievement period (please see below). Ayrshire College courses are subject to meeting entrance conditions. S5/6 pupils will follow a full timetable.

Advanced Higher pupils may have some allocated study periods subject to agreement with DHT.

Please see Pastoral/DHT regarding courses available at other schools or via the Ayrshire College.

Wider Achievement Option
One period per week

- Top Up *(not applicable)*
- British Sign
- Language
- Safe Road User
- Young STEM Leader
- LGBTQ+
- Prom Committee S6 only
- Leaver Committee S6 only

College School Link Courses
See reverse of sheet
Choose school back up below also

Parent/Carer Signature and Date:

School Course	Level	School Course	Level
Administration & IT	N4, N5	Modern Studies	N5, Higher
Art & Design	N4, N5, Higher, Adv Higher	Maths —Select—	Level 4/5 Personal Finance OR N5 or Higher Applications of Maths OR Maths N5 or Higher or Adv Higher
Biology	N5	Music Performing	N4, N5, Higher, Adv Higher
Business Education	N5	Music with Technology	N5
Chemistry	N5, Higher	Practical Woodworking	N4, N5
Computing Science	N5, Higher	PE	N4, N5, Higher, Adv Higher
Drama	Higher / Adv Higher	Physics	N5, Higher
Design & Manufacture	N4, N5, Higher	RMPS	N5, Higher
English	N5, Higher, Adv Higher	Retailing	N5
French	N4, N5, Higher	Saltire (S6) <i>Don't choose with SQA Leadership</i>	Volunteer Award
NPA Games Development	Lvl 4S, 4O	Scottish Studies	N4/N5
Geography	N5, Higher	Practical Woodwork	N5
Graphic Communication	N4, N5, Higher	Spanish	N4, N5, Higher,
History	N5, Higher	Sports Development (requires H PE)	Higher
Human Biology	Higher	Sports Leader (CSLA)	SQA Lvl 5
Health & Food Technology	N4, N5, Higher	Travel & Tourism	N4, N5
Hospitality	N5	SQA Leadership *S6*	SQA Units
Referee (Football)	Advanced Higher	Photography (requires H Art)	Higher
		NPA PC Passport	Lvl 44, 4S, 4O

Pick 5 subjects plus one additional choice. We will enter your choices into the system. Please write a school course as a back up below.

1 Course/Level	2 Course/Level	3 Course/Level	Wider Achievement	Request course at another school (state course and level)
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A mock options exercise for forward planning for our school timetable and resourcing of S5/S6 classes will take place in December. Formal option choices will take place in February 2024)

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S5/6 Wider Achievement Options - 1 period per week

All S5 and S6

- Top Up (Uni applicants)
- British Sign Language
 - Safe Road User
 - LGBTQ+
- STEM Ambassadors
- Leavers Committee S6
- Prom Committee S6

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**S5/6 School/College Link
Courses Below (*Draft*)**



Campus	Curriculum Area	Course Name	Delivery Location	SCQF Level
Kilwinning	Business and Computing	Bespoke computing course (No Group Award) - Software Development, Computer Games, Cyber	Kilwinning Campus	TBC
Kilwinning	Business and Computing	HNC Cyber Security (infill)	Kilwinning Campus	Level 7
Kilwinning	Business and Computing	HNC Accounting (infill)	Kilwinning Campus	Level 7
Kilwinning	Construction	Introduction to the Construction Industry	Kilwinning Campus	Level 4
Kilwinning	Construction	SFW Renewable Energy	Kilwinning Campus	Level 5
Kilwinning	Early Education	Skills for Work Early Education & Childcare Level 5	Kilwinning Campus	Level 5
Kilwinning	Early Education	Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services, Children & Young People	Kilwinning Campus	Level 6
Kilwinning	Engineering and Science	SVQ 1 Performing Engineering Operations	Kilwinning Campus	Level 4
Kilwinning	Engineering and Science	SVQ 2 Performing Engineering Operations	Kilwinning Campus	Level 5
Kilwinning	Engineering and Science	SVQ 2 Performing Engineering Operations (infill)	Kilwinning Campus	Level 5
Kilwinning	Engineering and Science	Foundation Apprenticeship Engineering (Electrical) -	Kilwinning Campus	Level 6
Kilwinning	Engineering and Science	Foundation Apprenticeship Scientific Technology (Laboratory Skills) (1 year programme)	Kilwinning Campus	Level 6
Kilwinning	Engineering and Science	HNC Applied Sciences (infill)	Kilwinning Campus	Level 7
Kilwinning	Engineering and Science	HNC Mechatronics (infill)	Kilwinning Campus	Level 7
Kilwinning	Engineering and Science	HNC Electrical (Infil)	Kilwinning Campus	Level 7
Kilwinning	Hair & Beauty	Steps to Work Hair & Beauty	Kilwinning Campus	Level 4
Kilwinning	Health & Social Care	Mental Health & Well-being Award	Kilwinning Campus	Level 5
Kilwinning	Motor Vehicle	Skills for Work: Automotive Skills National 4 (NA school required)	TBC	Level 4
Kilwinning	Social Science	NPA Criminology	Kilwinning Campus	Level 6
Kilwinning	Social Science	Introduction to Criminology with Forensic Science	Kilwinning Campus	Level 6
Kilwinning	Social Science	NPA Criminology	Kilwinning Campus	Level 6
Kilwinning	Social Science	NPA Psychology	Kilwinning Campus	Level 6
TBC	Social Science	HNC Social Science (infill)	TBC	Level 7
Kilwinning	Sport	Skills for Work: Uniformed Services	Kilwinning Campus	Level 4
Kilwinning	Sport	HNC Physical Activity and Health (infill)	Kilwinning Campus	Level 7
Kilwinning	Sport	HNC Sports Coaching and Development (infill)	Kilwinning Campus	Level 7

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S5/6 pupils only

College applications will be supported by Miss McGilvery and our school Librarian Miss Walker. Pupils should choose a **full** timetable of school based courses in case their application for a college course is unsuccessful.

1. Pupils who wish to take a college course should indicate this by emailing gw19mcgilveryrobyn@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk

Pupils should state on email:

Pupil Name:

Course Name requested:

This should be done by 1/2/24

2. Pupils who wish to take a college course as part of their options in S5 or 6 then must attend one of the college briefing & application sessions run in the school library:

Date 1: Tue 6th Feb Period 2 and 3 in Library

Date 2: Thu 8th Feb Period 2 and 3 in Library

Date 3: Tue 13th Feb Period 2 and 3 in Library



Unfortunately pupils who do not attend one of these sessions will not be able to apply for a college link course.

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CHOOSING SUBJECTS

- Is very important
 - Career pathway, enjoyment
- Can be difficult
 - Deciding on which subjects not to study
 - There may be conflict between two subjects in the same column
 - Some subjects are 'new'
- The options programme is designed to help

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The Options Choice Calendar

Event	Dates	Pupil Tracking/Prelims
Parents Briefing	Online PowerPoint Provided	
S3 Pupil Options Interviews	4.12.23 – 15.12.23	S4/5/6/ Tracking 1 - Issued home by 29.09.2023
S4/5 Pupil Options Interviews	Nov/Dec – Mock options	S4/5/6/ Tracking 2 - Issued home by 16.11.2023
<i>Parents are invited to telephone/meet PTPC</i>	Final Options 14.2.24 - 6.3.24	Senior Prelims Diet : from Monday 15th January 2024 until Friday 2nd February 2024
Continued advice and support where necessary	Mar – May	
Senior school timetable starts	May	
Pupils report to school to make any changes after results	August	
Final changes to pupil choice if necessary	First week of new term	

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Options Interviews

- **S3 Pupils - These meetings will take place - 4.12.23 – 15.12.23**
- **S4/S5 Pupils - These meetings will take place - 14.2.24 - 6.3.24**

Parents/carers are invited to contact their child's Pastoral Care Teacher to have a telephone/face to face interview

- *Where parents are unable to attend the information evening/interview, pupils will bring home their options form to be signed*
- *This will allow all parents/carers to discuss their child's options before submission to the school*

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Supports

Decision made after discussion with

- Parents/Carers
- Pastoral Care Staff
- Subject Teachers & Faculty Heads/PTs
- Careers Adviser
- Library/Librarian
- Senior Management

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Skills
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Careers Guidance

Lesley Niven (Careers Adviser) – In school **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. 9.00am-3.00pm**

Contact lesley.niven@sds.co.uk or 07917200965

Appointments can be organised via your pastoral teacher or by contacting Lesley or Christine directly

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Considerations For Subject Choice

- Attainment - good results
- Enjoy subject
- Interests/abilities
- Career Pathways

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Career Pathways

- **If career is known:**
 - Have I investigated the Employer/College/University?
 - Do I have a specified goal to aim for?
 - Which subjects are required?

- **If unsure of career:**
 - Which subjects would keep options open?
 - Where do your strengths lie?

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Avoid Subject Choice Based On...

- Friend(s) choosing subject
- Teacher liked/disliked

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Your Role

- Please discuss options programme with your child
- Parents/carers are invited to contact their child's Pastoral Care Teacher to have a telephone/face to face interview or for **any** questions you may have
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House Group	Pastoral Teacher	Email
Parkend House	Helen Shaw	gw09shawhelen@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk
Ashrove House	Emma Shaw	gw15shawemma@glow.sch.uk
Warner House	Claire Scott	gw09scottclaire4@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk