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## **Auchenharvie Academy**

S3 – S6 Options



Information Briefing for 2025 Session



*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*

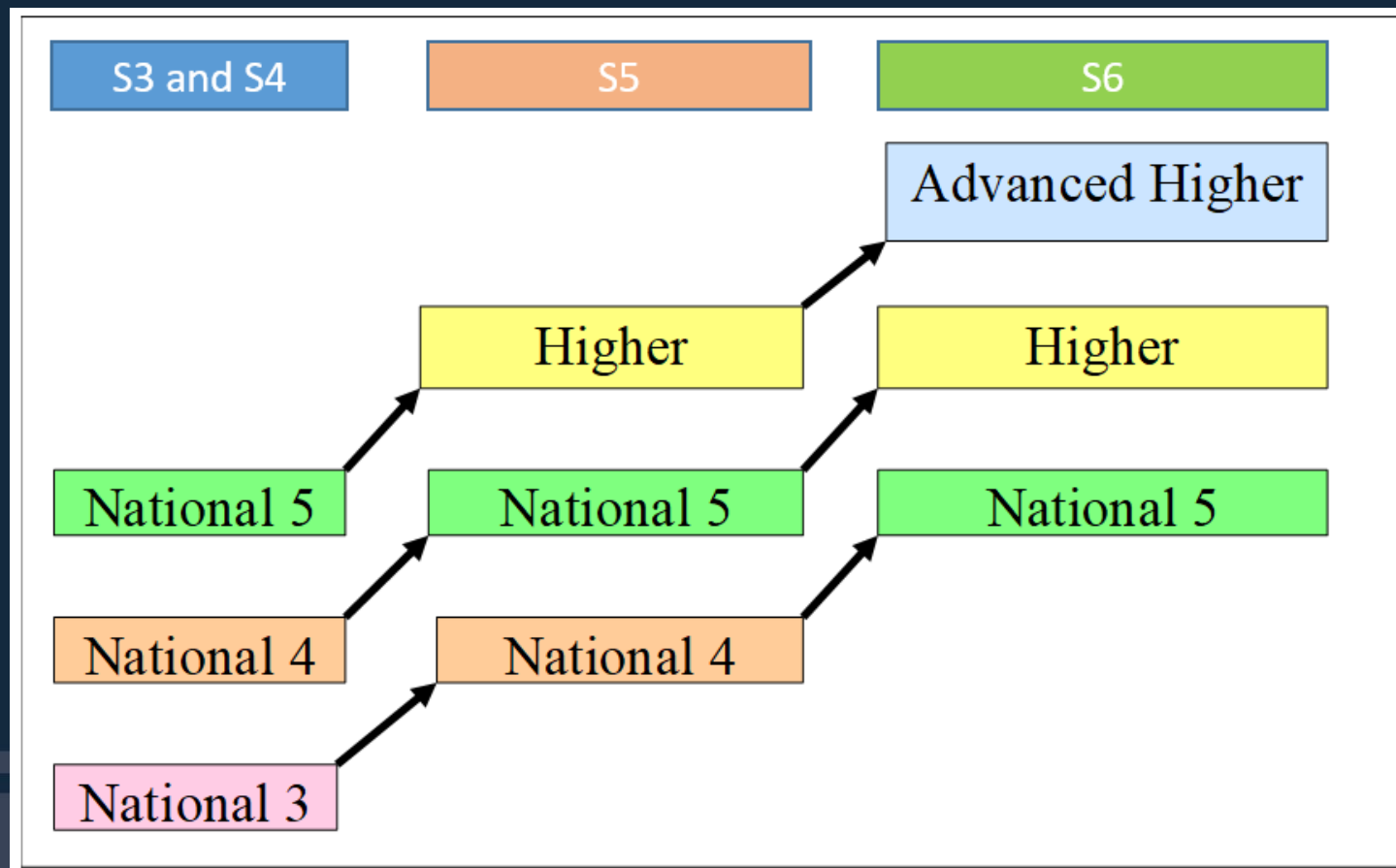
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## Level of Award – Progression from BGE



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## The S4 Curriculum

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## The S4 Curriculum

- At the end of S3 pupils will make subject choices to study **seven** subjects in S4
- Students study **seven** National Qualifications – please note that **English & Maths are compulsory**
- Subjects are more demanding than in S1/S2/S3
- Pupils study **fewer** subjects than in S3 - **4 periods per week each subject**
- They sit National Qualifications at the end of S4 - Study at 3 different levels, dependant on progress

**National 3**

**National 4**

**National 5**

- Pupils can access other qualifications

*e.g. Personal Development, Wellbeing Awards, National Progression Awards,*

*Developing Young Workforce Certifications*

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## S4 Curriculum

- Assessment : Final exam carried out by the SQA at the end of S4
- Most subjects - mixture of internal and external assessments
  - PE and HE Nationals are internally assessed subjects

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Name:

Registration:

## S3 into S4 Options 2025

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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. See the attached subject list below.						
English	Maths or Apps of Maths	1	2	3	4	5	6 (Back Up Subject Choice)	DYW choice

Please note that although students studied a wide range of curricular areas in S3 they will progress seven subjects to National Qualification level over their 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.

### S3 in to S4 School Course Options

Art & Design	Media <i>* pupils choosing Media as a new course in S4 will follow it at Level 4</i>
Biology	
Chemistry	Modern Studies
Computing Science	Music with Performing
Design & Manufacture	Music with Technology
Drama	Practical Woodworking
French	Physical Education
Spanish	Sport and Recreation <i>*pupils choosing Sport &amp; Recreation as a new course in S4 will follow it at Level 4</i>
Geography	Physics
Graphic Communication	NC Computing with Digital Media <i>*pupils choosing NC Computing with Digital Media as a new course in S4 will follow it at Level 4</i>
History	RMPs
Hospitality	Social Subjects <i>* Subject to discussion with PTPC/PH Social Subjects</i>

### Ayrshire College Course Options

*Maximum of one choice only  
Choose a full range of school subjects as college place may not be given*

Introduction to the Construction Industry (Level 4)  
(Auchenharvie)

Skills for Work: Automotive Skills (Level 4)  
Progression from Cycle Maintenance (Kilmarnock)

Skills for Work Uniformed Services (Level 4) (Kilwinning)

Steps to Work Hair and Beauty (Level 4) (Kilwinning)  
Progression from Nail Bar

Steps to Work Childcare (Level 4) (Kilwinning)

Please note that any pupil who wishes to take a college course as part of their options must email Mr Herd to confirm that they wish to apply for a college course by 13.12.24.

### Parent/ Carer Signature & Date

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

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## **The S5/S6 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 meet their needs and future career aims
  - **Higher – 6 periods**
  - **National – 6 periods**
  - **Advanced Higher – 4 periods and self study** (*Some Advanced Higher courses can be online or delivered at another school*)
- 'The two term sprint' – pace of learning faster than in S3/S4 as courses are studied only over one year

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## The S5/S6 Curriculum

- National Qualifications:

**National 4**

**National 5**

**Higher**

**Advanced Higher**

- Wider Achievement period in S5/6

- Courses aimed at expanding a wider range of skills and experiences

- Pupils can also 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 Mock Options

*A mock options exercise for forward planning for our school timetable and resourcing of S5/S6 classes will take place in December 2024.*

*Pupils actual option choices will take place in February 2025.*

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**S4 going into S5 and S5 going into S6**

**Complete a MOCK OPTIONS exercise in  
December**

*Pupils complete a mock options sheet based on their best estimate of what they will sit next year.*

*Pupils should assume they pass their exams this year.*

*This is not their final options, these will be in February.*

Name:

Registration:

# S4/S5 Mock Options 2025/26

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 pupils will follow a full timetable.

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

Please see overleaf regarding courses available at other schools or via the Ayrshire College.

School Course	Level	School Course	Level
Art & Design	N4, N5, Higher, Adv. Higher	Media	N5, Higher
Biology	N5, Adv. Higher (SWEIC)	Modern Studies	N5, Higher, Adv. Higher (SWEIC)
Chemistry	N5, Higher	Music Performing	N4, N5, Higher, Adv. Higher
Computing Science	N4, N5, Higher	Music with Technology	N4/N5
NC Computing with Digital Media	Level 4 / Level 5 / Level 6	NPA Acting & Performance	Level 6
Construction	Level 4	NPA PC Passport	Level 4 to Level 6
Design & Manufacture	N5, Higher	Physical Education	N4, N5, Higher
Drama	Higher, Adv. Higher	Physics	N5, Higher
NPA Drawing Skills	Level 6	Photography	Higher
English	N5, Higher, Adv. Higher	Practical Metalwork	N4, N5
French	N3, N4, N5, Higher	Practical Woodworking	N4, N5
NC Furniture (S6)	Level 5	Retail with Barista	Level 5
Geography	N5, Higher	RMP5	N5, Higher
Graphic Communication	N5, Higher	Scottish Studies	Level 4 / Level 5 / Level 6
History	N5, Higher, Adv. Higher (SWEIC)	SFA Referee (Football) (S6)	Adv. Higher
Hospitality	N4, N5	Sociology <small>(requires N5 English or N5 History or N5 Mod St to be studied in S5/6 or previously passed in S4/5)</small>	N5/ Higher
Human Biology	Higher	Spanish	N3, N4, N5, Higher
NQGA Jewellery Making (S6)	Level 5	Sports Development	Higher
Maths	N5, Higher, Adv. Higher	Sports & Recreation	Level 5
Applications of Maths	N5, Higher	NPA Theatre Design	Level 6
Personal Finance	Level 4	Travel & Tourism	N4, N5
		PDA Youth Work	Level 6

## Wider Achievement Option One period per week

Top Up (University applicants)

British Sign Language

Safe Road User

Young STEM Leader

LGBTQ+

Prom Committee (S6)

Leaver Committee (S6)

Boosted Reading (S6)

Health and Wellbeing/Event Management (S6)

Maths Craft

**Request Advanced Higher course at another school or SWEIC online. State subjects below.**

*(Please note that some AH have entrance conditions)*

**College Course Requests—See Overleaf**

Pick 5 subjects plus one additional choice. We will endeavour to meet your first choices. If you choose a college course you must also choose a school course as a

1 Course/Level	2 Course/Level	3 Course/Level	4 Course/Level	5 Course/Level	6 (Back Up Choice & Level)	Wider Achievement
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## MOCK OPTIONS

1. Choose 5 Subjects and state level you aiming to sit
2. Choose one back up Subject and Level
3. Choose a WA class
4. S6 You can request an Adv. H at another school or SWEIC online
5. On back of form you can request a college course – you will have to apply for this on line (please see Mr Herd)



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## **S5/6 Wider Achievement Options - 1 period per week**

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Maths Craft

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## School/College Link Courses

*On the back of the mock sheet pupils circle the college courses they wish to take*

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DRAFT Summary of NAC School/College courses: 2025-26						
Course	Level	Day	Time	Kilwinning	Kilmarnock	Ayr
Introduction to the Construction Industry	4	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm	■		
NPA Professional Cookery	4	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 5.00pm (Tues) 1 hr remote (Thu)		■	
SfW Early Education & Childcare	4	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm	■		
NPA Software Development	4	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm		■	
SfW Automotive Skills	4	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm		■	
SVQ 1 Performing Engineering Operations	4	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm		■	
SFW Uniformed Services	4	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm	■		
Steps to Work Hair & Beauty	4	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm	■		
Mental Health & Well Being Award	5	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm	■		
NPA Digital Media with Film Making	5	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm			■
NPA Hospitality	5	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm		■	
NPA Hospitality	5	Mon/Wed	2.00 - 4.00pm			■
NPA Sport and Fitness (Football)	5	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm		■	
SFW Renewable Energy	5	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm	■		
SfW Early Education & Childcare	5	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm	■		
SVQ 2 Performing Engineering Operations (infill)	5	Mon/Fri	Sem1: Mon 9.00 - 1.00, Fri 9.00 - 4.00. Sem2 Mon & Fri 9.00 - 4.00	■		
SVQ 2 Performing Engineering Operations (joint delivery with NAC)	5	Mon/Wed	2.00 - 5.00pm			
SVQ 2 Performing Engineering Operations	5	Mon/Wed	2.00 - 5.00pm	■		

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Level 4  
and  
Level 5 Courses



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## DRAFT Summary of NAC School/College courses: 2025-26

Course	Level	Day	Time	Kilwinning	Kilmarnock	Ayr
FA Engineering (Aeronautical)	6	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 5.00pm			
FA Engineering (Electrical)	6	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 5.00pm			
NC Oral Healthcare (infill)	6	Mon/Wed	9.00 - 4.00			
NPA Acting & Performance	6	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm			
NPA Criminology	6	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm			
NPA Psychology	6	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm			
NPA Social Services:Children & Young People	6	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm			
NPA Software Development	6	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm			
NPA Sound Production	6	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm			
Photography	6	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm			
Portfolio Work	6	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm			
Production Arts	6	Tue/Thu	2.00 - 4.00pm			
HNC Applied Sciences (infill)	7	Mon/Wed	9.00 - 4.00pm			
HNC Architechtural Technology with Sustainability	7	Mon/Wed	9.00 - 4.00pm			
HNC Cyber Security	7	Tue/Thu	9.00 - 4.00pm			
HNC Electrical	7	Wed/Thu	9.00 - 4.00pm			
HNC Hospitality	7	TBC	TBC			
HNC Mechatronics	7	Wed/Thu	9.00 - 4.00pm			
HNC Applied Sport & Fitness	7	Tue/Thu	9.00 - 4.00pm			
HNC Sports Coaching and Development	7	Tue/Thu	9.00 - 4.00pm			

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Level 6  
and  
Level 7 Courses

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## School College Link Courses

Your child may wish to take a college course as part of their school timetable next year.

Details of college link courses can be found at:

<https://www1.ayrshire.ac.uk/home/august-start-courses/>

Please note that some courses have entrance requirements.

### Additional Assistance:

The school is running assemblies to inform and help pupils apply to college for link courses

**4.12.24 - Period 2 S4 & Period 3 S5** - Assembly to give an overview of college offer of school/college link courses.

**11.12.24** - Period 2 Preparation session - personal statement - will be a mix of S4/5 pupils who wish to apply for college link courses (Library).

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## School College Link Courses

Please note that any pupil who wishes to take a college course as part of their options in S5 or 6 and was unable to attend the college assembly must email Mr Herd to confirm that they wish to apply for a college course by **13.12.24**.

Pupils should state on email: **Pupil Name** and **Course Name** requested.

[gw09herdjohn@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw09herdjohn@glow.sch.uk)

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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
Parents Briefing	Online PowerPoint Provided – School Website
S3 Pupil Options Interviews	2.12.24 – 13.12.24
S4/5 Pupil Options Interviews <i>Parents are invited to telephone/meet PTPC</i>	<i>Dec – Mock options</i>  Final Options 24.2.25 - 10.3.25
Continued advice and support where necessary	Mar – May
Senior school timetable starts	May 25
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 - 2.12.24 – 13.12.24.**
- **S4/S5 Pupils - These meetings will take place - 24.2.25 - 10.3.25.**

**Parents/carers are invited to contact the school to arrange a telephone or face to face interview for options choices if they wish**

- *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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## Careers Guidance

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

Contact [lesley.niven@sds.co.uk](mailto: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 the school to have a telephone/face to face interview or for **any** questions you may have
  - *Where parents are unable to attend the information evening/interview, pupils will bring home their options form to be signed*
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