

Brannock High School

S3 to S4 Subject Choices

Our Values:
Respect
Hard Work
Ambition



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Aims

MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE
ACHIEVEMENT

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS
DESTINATIONS

EXCELLENT LEARNING
TEACHING &
ASSESSMENT

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Timeline for Options Process

- **Monday 23 February**- receive options form in PSE from Pupil Support Teacher. Paper copy to pupils and copy on school website along with guide to choosing subjects.
- **Monday 2 March**- pupils will use time in PSE to discuss options with Pupil Support Teacher.
- **Friday 6 March**- initial submission of options forms due to Mr Connelly.

Once the initial submission has been made, Mr Connelly will do an initial scoping exercise to check choices. Please note that in some cases, pupils may be asked to pick alternative options if subjects are unable to run due to low numbers or clashing with another subject choice.



Choosing Your Subjects

- You have studied 8 subjects in S3 and started to cover knowledge, understanding and skills for SQA courses that you will need in S4 if you choose the subject.
- You should now drop one subject from these 8 meaning you will do 7 subjects in S4.
- The 7 subjects you choose to study in S4 should be those you are doing achieving your best levels during S3 so that you have the best chance possible for success in S4.
- You will know how you are getting on by looking at your most recent school report. Your PSE teacher will also be able to look at this with you as well.
- Pupil Support Teachers will meet with your child during PSE to talk about options and make sure they choose to study those that will give them the best chance of success and align with any potential future career aspirations. Don't worry if they are still unsure of this, having a breadth of subjects will keep options open for them when they do want to focus on a specific pathway.

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Context for Subject Choices from S3 to S4

- The learning you have been doing in S3 is preparing you for SQA National Qualifications in S4 and beyond. You have already started learning for this.
- All pupils must study English and Maths/ Applications of Maths.
- You can only drop one subject from what you are currently doing. If you try to change to a subject that you haven't done since S2, you have missed important learning that is needed for the SQA qualification. In our experience, this makes it much harder to achieve success.
- In exceptional circumstances, we can consider pupils picking a subject they haven't done since S2 but this must be agreed with pupil, parent/ carer and school with a clear reason for this to happen.
- There are no study periods in S4, you must study a full curriculum as part of your education. Some young people may need extra time in Support for Learning or LCSC but this will be agreed for those individuals between the school and home.

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Core Subject

- As mentioned, all pupils will do English and Maths.
- All pupils will also have core period of PE, RE and PSE (pupils can also pick PE and RE subject choices too on top of this).
- You will continue to receive core PE and PSE in S5/6 too.

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