

Brannock High School

S4 and S5 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

- **Friday 13 February**- options forms published on school website along with guidance presentation. College offer will also be shared online.*
- **Wednesday 25 February (S5)/ Thursday 26 February (S4)**- receive options form in PSE from Pupil Support Teacher. Paper copy to pupils and copy on school website along with guide to choosing subjects. S5 will have one to one meetings with SLT regarding options.
- **Wednesday 4 March (S5)/ Thursday 5 March (S4)**- pupils will use time in PSE to discuss options with Pupil Support Teacher. SLT will have one to one meetings with SLT regarding options.
- **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.

**College offer is subject to change and courses may not run- this is sometimes not confirmed by the college until nearer the summer and sometimes when we return in August. Pupil should select a full set of options in school in case college offer does not run.*

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Choosing Your Subjects- S4 to S5



- You have studied 7 options in S4. Two of these options were English and Maths. Although we encourage young people to continue their studies in these subjects, particularly if they plan to go to university, these are no longer mandatory.
- Almost all pupils will pick 5 subject choices in S5 to fulfil the expectation of full-time education. For some pupil it may be that they complete 3/4 subjects in school and one at college. The subjects you pick in school should be from those studied in S4. It is not advised for pupils to "crash" subjects in S5 and we would only consider this in exceptional circumstances which must be agreed between school, parent/ carer and pupil.
- 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.

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Choosing Your Subjects- S4 to S5



- It is important at this point that pupils research future careers and have an idea of the qualifications required for these opportunities. This can include job adverts, college and university prospectus (available online) or speaking directly to employers. We can assist pupils with this, but young people and their parents/ carers should take time to find out this information as well.
- If your child plans to leave this summer, they should still choose options choices as they may need to return to school if they have not secured a positive destination.

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Choosing Your Subjects- S5 to S6



- In S5, you will have completed 4-5 subjects either in or through college.
- In S6, pupils should pick a minimum of 4 subjects if they are not studying Advanced Higher. If you are doing at least one Advanced Higher, you should study a minimum of 3 subjects.
- 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.
- S5 will also have one to one meetings with a member of SLT to make sure they are maximising their time in S6 to achieve as much success as possible for their last year at school.

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- James Corry (SDS) careers advisor will also be available for pupils to speak to for any help and advice- young people should see him directly to book an appointment.



General Advice for S6 Options

- Some of the feedback we have received from admissions teams at colleges and universities is that they would rather see a breadth of Higher courses for entry requirements rather than AH's. Only a very small handful of courses need AH's for entry- please check this with the college/ university online or ask your Pupil Support teacher/ SDS Careers Advisor if you need help.
- College and Universities do not double count qualifications in the same subject. For example, if you achieve a Higher in PE in S5 and then AH Pe in S6, they will not count both as two separate qualifications for entry requirements. Please consider this when choosing your subject choices and how you might maximise the amount of qualifications you have to put towards the entry requirements.
- Sometimes it may be better to "crash" a Higher of a subject you did in S3 or S4 rather than doing an AH in something you have already achieved a Higher in during S5. This isn't the case for all pupils but it is something you should consider when choosing subjects.

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Core Subject and Study Periods

- All pupils will have core periods of PE and PSE (pupils can also pick PE and RE subject choices too on top of this).
- Pupils may have periods that are assigned as private study. This time should be used in school to revise for their subjects, and they will still be on a register with a member of staff to check in with to say they are present in school- this is vital for fire evacuations purposes.
- Study periods can also provide the opportunity for S6 pupils to become involved in wider life of the school and volunteer in different parts of the school community.
- This year, we have S6 pupils helping younger pupils in class, going to our local primary schools to assist, organising whole school events and much more. This is encouraged and adds value to personal experiences that could be vital for applications to jobs, colleges and universities.

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