

**Topic overviews are provided to aid parental involvement.**

Our S3 courses are designed to deliver CfE Broad General Education experiences and outcomes **up to Level 4** and aim to equip pupils with prior learning for National courses.

Below is a whole school overview and so some **will not** apply to your child.

Curricular Area	Subject	Topic(s)
Languages	English	DA: Writing Improvement; Transition to S4: Creative Writing for Portfolio; The Short Story/Scottish Text. CM: RUAE.
	French	Using and Understanding language will be based around " people and their achievements " Grammar focus - using a variety of tenses .
Numeracy	Maths	Money – wages and salaries, VAT, foreign currency, HP. Indices and surds. Formulae – the nth term formula and change of subject. Simultaneous equations and the 4 operations for algebraic fractions.
HWB	PE	Athletics unit - to develop their running, throwing and jumping skills. This will culminate in final events where pupils can showcase their progress. Rounders unit - where they learn the rules, skills and knowledge.
	Life Skills	Pupils will be selecting their work experience placements and going on work experiences in the final weeks of the term.
	RME	Youth Philanthropy Initiative: Interaction with Charity; Planning and Preparation for delivery of Presentation at final.
	Home Economics	S3 pupils will be developing their practical and technical skills. We will also look at processed foods versus dishes made with fresh ingredients.
Sciences	Biology	Continue unit 2 multicellular systems, covering communication and control, circulatory systems in plants and animals and the digestive system.
	Chemistry	Starting unit 3 covering metals, materials, fertilisers and nuclear chemistry.
	Physics	Dynamics - speed, velocity, displacement and acceleration, v-t graphs, work done, potential and kinetic energy. Forces – Newton's Laws –identifying forces, balanced forces and work done. Nuclear radiation – nuclear power and consolidation of Term 3 work.
Social Studies	Business Management	Look at the last two units, the management of people and the role of human resources have within the business. The management of finance will be the last unit, looking at cash flow, budgets and profit and loss.
	Geography	Health: Case study of a developed world disease – Heart Disease - and a disease found in both developed and developing countries – HIV/AIDs. Looking at causes, impact on individual and country and management.
	History	Impact of WW1 on Politics in the UK: The rules that applied to women in society, the impact of Suffragettes and Suffragists, the Glasgow Rent Strikes and Homes built for Heroes.
Expressive Arts	Art	Pupils will be working on more detailed artist research and describing of painting to continue building skills for National 5.
	Music	Developing individual performing skills on two instruments. Listening/understanding music – the baroque era. Composition – exploring different starting points and techniques.
Technologies	Admin & IT	Complete the work on databases, then review the spreadsheet skills learnt in S2, build upon these and practice them. Towards the summer, an exam paper covering all the aspects of the subject that we have studied during S3.
	Computer Science	Learning about the Database Design & Development cycle using MS Access. Learning to query databases using SQL.
	Graph Comm	Looking at assignments Revisit developments and nets, and starting theory work.
	Technical	Continue with assignments: the two part frame construction for a bookstand and looking at theory work.

