



Balfour High School

**S4/5 Course Choice
Information Evening
Monday 27th February 2017**



Welcome & Introductions

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Purpose of this evening

- Equip parents and carers with the information required to work with us in best supporting young people
 - Aspirations, Considerations, Expectations of our young people, Qualifications
 - National Qualifications, course choice and timelines
 - Support and Destinations



Rationale for our curriculum

- 21st century learners
- Skills
- Academic pathways
- Vocational pathways
- Modern world
- Knowledge
- Partnerships
- Rural context



Qualifications

Former Qualifications

New Qualifications

12
11
10
9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1

Doctorate
Masters
Honours Degree
Ordinary Degree
Higher National Diploma
Advanced Higher
Higher
SG Credit/Int2
SG General/Int1
Access 3/SG Foundation
Access 2
Access 1

Advanced Higher
Higher
National 5
National 4
National 3
National 2
National 1



SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	SVQs/MAs
12			↑	Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11				Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship SVQ 5
10				Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship
9				Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
8		Higher National Diploma	↓	Diploma Of Higher Education	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate		Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 3
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher				Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ 3
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5				Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 2
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ 1
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3				
2	National 2, Awards		↓		
1	National 1, Awards				



What is important?

- Continuity in courses
- Breadth of choice
- Background research for courses and employment
- Advice



Workload S5

5 subjects

+

Up to 5 Prelims

+

Up to 5 External Exams





Expectations of our young people

- Take responsibility
- Attendance and Timekeeping
- Be prepared and ready to learn
- Growth mindset
- Actively participate
- Complete homework and meet deadlines



SQA Exams

Mr Slavin



SQA Examinations – when?

- All SQA exams take place from:

Tuesday 2nd May until Friday 2nd June 2017

- Each pupil will receive an individual exam timetable in April.

This must be checked, signed and returned by the pupil



Exam Leave

- Study leave for S6 pupils starts on Friday 28th April, and for S4-5 pupils it starts on **Tuesday 2nd May 2017**
- Exam leave is for all S5 & S6 pupils and S4 pupils doing 3 or more N5's
- Pupils doing 1 or 2 N5s, will get 2 clear study days before each exam
- Individual package for pupils who do not require study leave, with opportunities for certification.



SQA Examinations

- Exams will be held in the Theatre and in various classrooms around the school
- Lists of exam rooms, times and candidates names will be displayed on the SQA Information Notice Board in the atrium
- It is essential that candidates check lists prior to the exam and note their seat number



SQA Exams - Supporting Your Child

- Know the days and times their exams are on.
- Encourage them to study.....
- If your child is unable to sit an exam due to illness, it is important that parents/carers telephone the school as early in the day as possible (from 8:30am)
- As soon as possible thereafter, obtain a Doctor's Certificate / letter which should be handed in or sent to the school



SQA Results and after

- **Tuesday 8th August 2017**
- Staff in on **Wednesday 9th August 2017** to support with post results service, and to support course choice changes



Course Choice Information

Mrs Short



Timetable in S5/6

- All pupils must study 5 or 4 subjects
- These subjects should be listed **in order of priority**
- At this stage you have a free choice, **BUT.....**
- Timetabling columns must then be constructed
- Problems can occur – choose an alternative subject



S4 into S5 CC form

Subjects available	Subjects available	Subjects available
Accounting	French	Music Technology
Art and Design	Geography	PE
Biology (N4/5, not H)	German	Photography (mainly for S6, but S5s can join if spaces)
Business Management	Graphic Communication	
Chemistry	Health Food Technology	Physics
Computing Science	History	<u>Practical Cake Craft (N5)</u>
<u>Dance</u>	Hospitality	Practical Metalwork (N5)
Design and Manufacture	Human Biology (H only)	RMPS
Energy (skills for work N5)	<u>Lab Skills (skills for work N5)</u>	Spanish
<u>Engineering Science (N5)</u>	Maths	SCOTS (S5, Mondays)
English	Modern Studies	FVC (Fridays)
Enterprise & Employability	Music (Performing)	



S5 into S6 CC form

Subjects available	Subjects available	Subjects available
Accounting	Geography	PE Sports Leaders
Art and Design	German	Physics
Biology (not H)	Graphic Communication	Photography
Business Management	Health Food Technology	Practical Metalwork (N5)
Chemistry	History	Printmaking (unit only)
Computing Science	Hospitality	RMPS
<u>Dance</u>	Human Biology (H only)	Sociology
Design and Manufacture	<u>Lab Skills (skills for work N5)</u>	Spanish
ECDL (IT)	Maths	<u>Sports Development (NPA H)</u>
Energy (skills for work N5)	Modern Studies	Sustainability Leaders
<u>Engineering Science (N5)</u>	Music (Performing)	FVC (Fridays)
English	Music Technology (not AH)	<u>Work placement plus</u> developing essential skills, plus 2 further units (see information sheet for list of all available courses)
Enterprise & Employability	<u>Practical cake craft (N5 only)</u>	
French	PE	



Course Choice Form (front)

- **I plan to leave school:**
- End of S4 ☐ Christmas S5 ☐ End of S5 ☐ End of S6 ☐

- **What is your preferred future pathway?**
- Apprenticeship ☐ Job ☐ What area?

- College ☐ University ☐ Course/Area of study



Course Choice Form (back)

	Subject choice	Level? N5 / H	Office only
Subject Choice 1 (Highest Priority)			
Subject Choice 2			
Subject Choice 3			
Subject Choice 4			
Subject Choice 5 (Lowest Priority)			
Alternative subject Choice			
Forth Valley College Friday			
Forth Valley College (SCOTS)			



Proviso...

A subject can only run if we have

- enough pupils in the class
- a subject specialist to teach the class



Developing the Young Workforce

Mrs Patrick



Future Pathways

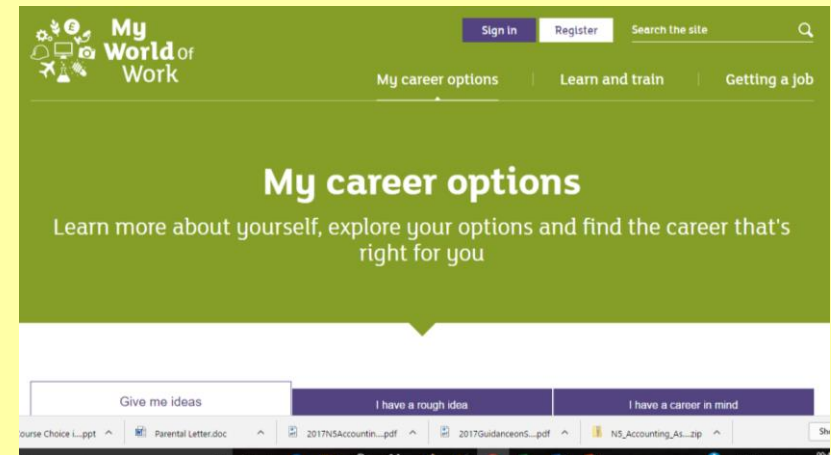
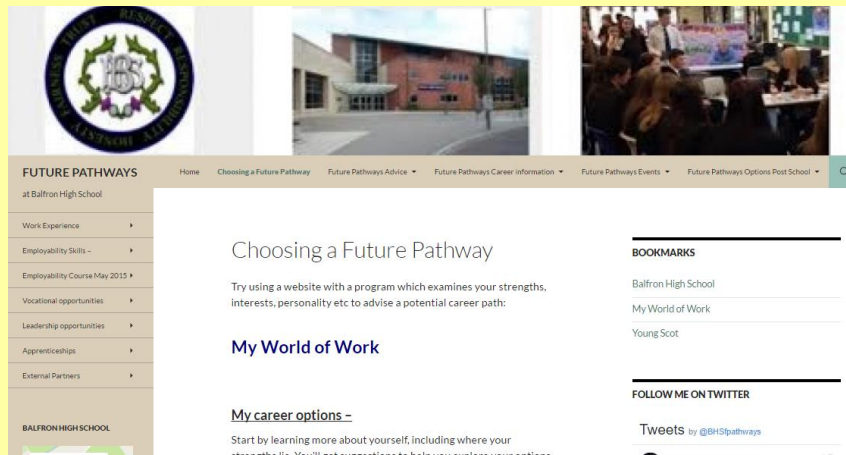
- Identify a career/area of interest
- Know the various learning pathways
- **Research, research, research**
- Support available



Future Pathways

○ Identify a career/area of interest

Use career finder tools: see





Future Pathways

○ Know the various learning pathways:

- College → Graduate Apprenticeship → Job
- Modern apprenticeship → Job
- Foundation Apprenticeship → Modern apprenticeship → University → Job
- University → Job → University
- College → University → Job
- Job → University → Job
- University → Job → Modern Apprenticeship
- Modern apprenticeship → University → Job



Future Pathways – Research:

- **Entry requirements**

minimum, usual

- **Subjects**

essential, approved

- **Next steps**

further study, career prospects



Future Pathways – Research:

○ **Entry requirements**

Motor Vehicle Technician apprenticeship (GTG) – 3 Nat 4/5

Medicine degree – S5 AAAAB first sitting + S6 BBB (2 AH)

Software Engineering Degree – AAAA or AAABB

HND Computer Networking – 2 H + 3 Nat 5

○ **Subjects**

Motor app (GTG) – English + Maths + Technology or Science

Medicine – Chemistry + Biology + Maths or Physics

Software Engineering – science + maths + computing

HND Computer Networking - any approved



Future Pathways – Research:

○ **Next steps**

Motor Vehicle technician apprenticeship (GTG) – job, college

Medicine degree – job, further training

Software Engineering Degree – Honours degree

Job -media, gaming, financial services

Own business

HND Computer Networking – IT infrastructure support Job

Year 2 BEng Digital Security

Year 3 Beng Cyber Security and Networks



Future Pathways – Research:

Learning pathways

○ Apprenticeships:

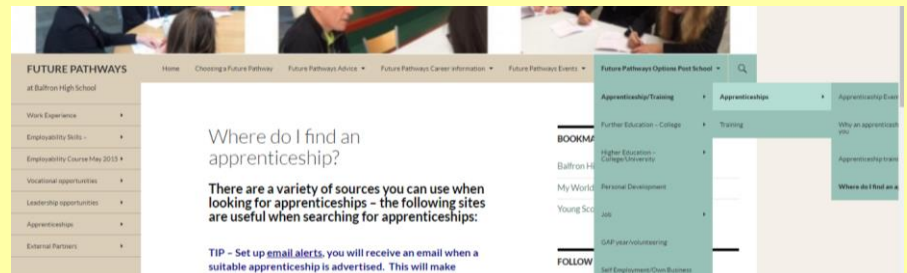
Foundation apprenticeship

Modern apprenticeship

Advanced apprenticeship



Where to find an apprenticeship:





Foundation Apprenticeships

Forth Valley College

Current S4 pupils only – 2 year courses

- **Foundation Apprenticeships Level 6**

- Childcare

- Business Skills

- Social Services and Healthcare



Forth Valley College

- Skills for Work Early Education & Childcare - National 5
- Skills for Work Construction Crafts - National 5
- Skills for Work Creative Industries - National 5
- Skills for Work Hospitality - National 5
- Make-up artistry - Level 5
- NPA Sound Production (SCQF Level 6)
- Psychology Higher (SCQF Level 6) S6 Only
- HNC Hospitality (SCQF 7) S4 only - 2 year course

http://www.forthvalley.ac.uk/school_courses



Future Pathways – Research:

Learning pathways

○ College, University:

Individual college/university Website

Contact admission team at college/university

UCAS -

UCAS Search tool

Search courses

Where do you normally live?

*This helps us to show courses that are available to you. [Click here for more info](#)

Search by any or all of the following

Course

Provider

Location

Search >

Don't know what to study?

Need help finding courses? Browse subjects and find out what's available.

Browse >

UCAS Search tool

Use our new search to find undergraduate courses and courses at conservatoires.

Teaching Excellence Framework: For courses starting in 2017, higher education providers that meet the expectations of the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) will be able to increase their tuition fees in line with inflation. Find out more about TEF and the providers that have been awarded it.

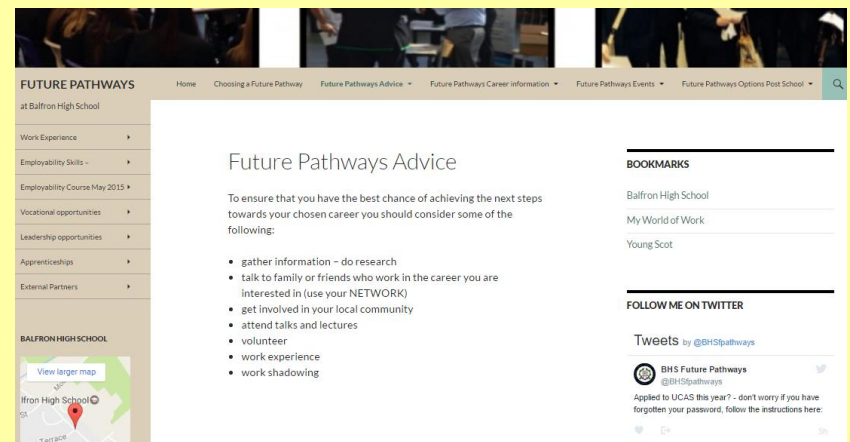
We'll be adding all our other courses soon – until then, click the links below:

- [Postgraduate courses](#)
- [Postgraduate teacher training courses](#)
- [Foundation degrees](#)



Other Future Pathways advice:

- Network
- Arrange work experience/visit
- Attend talks, etc
- Community involvement
- Volunteering
- Summer School/Academy
- **Hobbies/sports**
- Consider alternatives
- Have a back-up





Summer Opportunities

- **Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Summer School** — dance, drama, music, production, screen, teaching. www.rcs.ac.uk/type/summer/
- **University of Strathclyde Summer Academy** - find out what its like to be a student/study at University
- 1 week - for pupils at the end of S4/5/6
- Cost = £125
- www.strath.ac.uk/irl/accelerate



Accelerate 1

26th - 30th June 2017

- **Computer Science Challenge**
- **Electronic and Electrical Engineering Challenge**
- **Product Design Challenge**
- **Psychology Challenge**
- **Sport Challenge**



Accelerate 2

24th - 28th July 2017

- **Business Challenge**
- **Chemistry Challenge**
- **Education Challenge**
- **Language Challenge**
- **Law Challenge**
- **Physics Challenge**



Future Pathways

Work Experience plus:

Main Electives		
Title	Description	Evidence
Work Placement Unit Level 5 Or Level 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will conduct a self-assessment of your skills and career aspirations. Plan a work experience placement or placements which develop your skills and/or supplement your career journey. Evaluate the placement/s – reflecting on your own and your supervisor's comments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Placement Folio – this includes a log of your work experience days, a work based project and your supervisors reports. Risk assessed work placement/s – this must be the equivalent of 2 periods per week but can be one day per month/a few half days/ etc (to suit the employer). Signed weekly log book.
Volunteering Skills Award Level 4 or Level 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will organise and participate in volunteering activities. Develop a range of skills and personal development experiences which will help you prepare for responsibility and employment. 	Assessment evidence for each of the 3 units: - Preparing to Volunteer - Volunteering Experience - Volunteering: Investigative Project Signed weekly log book.
Community Support – Personal Development Self in Community Unit Level 5 or Level 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will gain school or local community service for at least 2 periods a week. This could be offering support to teachers with younger classes, volunteering in the local community, etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment evidence – folio of evidence Signed weekly log book.

Mandatory unit		
Title	Description	Evidence
Developing Essential Skills Level 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and improve your own Essential Skills and those required for specific job roles. Plan and demonstrate your own Essential Skills development. Reflect on your own effectiveness in planning Essential Skills development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal and written evidence which is recorded/stored as a folio.

You will also choose 1 or 2 of the following optional units (as advised by your teacher):

Optional units		
Title	Description	Evidence
Safe Road User Award Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will build positive attitudes to road use. This course also helps young people to take responsibility for using the roads safely. 	Assignments for each of the 2 units: - Developing Positive Road User Attitude - Understanding how to use the Roads
Cyber Security fundamentals award Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An introduction to the field of cyber security. It will equip you with basic knowledge and skills relating to cybersecurity which are essential for every IT user. 	There are two assessments — one covering knowledge and one covering skills. These are online assessments through SQA Solar.
ECDL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choice of 7 IT units - for example Word Processing, Spreadsheet software, Security for IT users, etc. 	You will work through teaching materials and practice assessments in school. Assessed online during an assessment day (in BHS) organised by Forth Valley College.
Future Learn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free online courses. Often last 6 weeks - 2 hours per week. Offered in a range of subject areas which could support your subjects or in your learning pathways for example 	You will follow a schedule for the duration of each course – Future Learn send email reminders/links or you can log on. Each week you will be provided with text.



Sources of advice

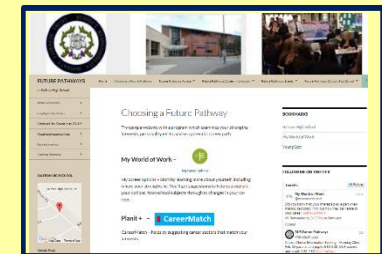
- Future Pathways Twitter



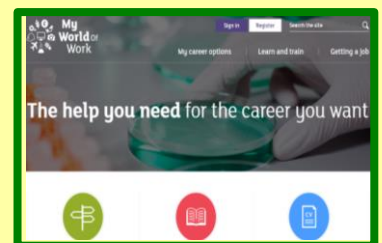
- Future Pathways Facebook



- Future Pathways Website



- My World of Work





Sources of advice

- Aileen Crawford
Skills Development Scotland
- Ernie Romer, Forth Valley College
- Tracey Kerr, University of Stirling
- Subject Principal Teachers



And finally

- Ms Bannatyne



Timeline

Key dates

Procedure

Course Choice Information (Website)

S5 CC Forms issued

S5 CC forms to be returned by

S4 CC Assembly

S4 Reports and CC forms issued

S4 FCL Interviews

S4 CC forms returned by

Future Pathways Event for new S5/6

and new timetable begins

Dates

Monday 27th February

8th February

Friday 3rd March

Thursday 9th March

Friday 10th March

13th - 17th March

Monday 20th March

Monday 5th June



Sources of advice

www.sqa.org.uk

www.planitplus.net

www.myworldofwork.co.uk

www.university.which.co.uk

www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.org.uk

www.balfronhigh.org.uk

<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/>



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COMING EVENTS

- Year Group Assembly - S5/6 February 04, 2015
- Year Group Assembly - S3 February 05, 2015
- S4 Parents Evening February 05, 2015
- Year Group Assembly - S4 February 06, 2015
- Staff Development February 09, 2015 - February 10, 2015
- February Holiday February 11, 2015 - February 13, 2015

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General Letters / Information

HMie Report

Information Evenings

National Qualifications

NQ Internal Deadlines S4-S6

Parent Feedback

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Scholar

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Monday 2nd February

SUCCESS STORIES

LATEST TWEETS

RT @EUCommScotland: Congratulations to @LenzieAcademyML and @balfronhigh for winning the semi-final #OurEurope Film Competition @SEET_scot...

https://twitter.com/balfronhigh Balftron High School Balftron High School (@balfronhigh)

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Fantastic work from all #OurEurope participants at CitizenM yesterday! Congratulations to winning teams from @balfronhigh and @lenzieacad!

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