



Balfron High School

S3 Course Choice
Information Evening
Monday 26th February 2018



Welcome & Introductions

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Atrium

Many other partners

Atrium



Purpose of this evening

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



Rationale for our curriculum

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



Curriculum and Course Choice

Mrs Short



Qualifications

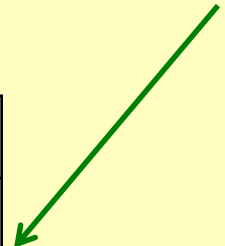
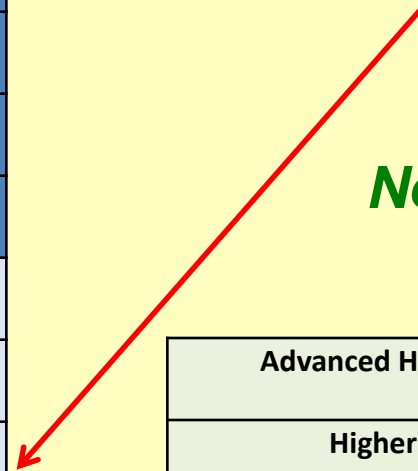
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Doctorate
Masters
Honours Degree
Ordinary Degree
Higher National Diploma
Advanced Higher
Higher
SG Credit/Int2
SG General/Int1
Access 3/SG Foundation
Access 2
Access 1

Former Qualifications

New Qualifications

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





scottish credit and qualifications framework

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			Professional Development Award	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				



Period Allocation in S4 (Senior Phase)

6 Subjects (incl English & Maths)	27 Periods
PSE	1 Period
RME	1 Period
PE	2 Periods



The Course Choice Form (Front)



Course Choice Sheet for S3 going into S4 in 2018

Subjects available	Subjects available	Subjects available
Art and Design	French	Music Technology
Biology	Geography	Music (Performing)
Business Management	German	PE
Chemistry	Graphic Communication	Physics
Computing Science	History	Practical Woodwork
Design and Manufacture	Hospitality	Spanish
Engineering Science	Modern Studies	SCOTS (Mondays FVC)



Front of form, continued ...

Please fill this box in BEFORE you turn over. Make sure you have researched which subjects you need to study.

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

My preferred future pathway is:

Apprenticeship Job What area? _____

College University Course/Area of study _____

Name _____

Form Class _____



The Course Choice Form (Back)

Please get your current class teacher to help you with your next most appropriate level.

	Subject choice	Level? N5 / N4	Office only
English (Compulsory)	English		
Maths (Compulsory)	Maths		
Subject Choice 1 (highest priority)			
Subject Choice 2			
Subject Choice 3			
Subject Choice 4 (lowest priority)			
Alternative Subject Choice			
Forth Valley College (SCOTS)			

Please get the following signatures:

Person	Signature	Date
Pupil		
Parent/carer		
Form Class Leader		
PT Pupil Support (if relevant)		

Final return date for forms is **Monday 19th March 2018** (earlier if possible please). Place in the box in Deputes office.



Proviso ...

A subject can only run if we have

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

- some classes may have S5/6 pupils in as well, if there is space for them



Course choice Advice: Subjects

- Speak to teachers/PTs
- Subject information
- Link:

The screenshot shows the Balfour High School website. The header includes the school name and navigation links: Contact Details, About Us, Dates, News, ParentZone, and Community. A sidebar menu lists various subjects: Creative Arts, English, Health And Wellbeing, Mathematics, Modern Languages And RME, Science, Social Subjects, Support For Learning, Technology, and Pupil Support. The main content area is titled 'Course Choice Information For All Subjects' and contains the following text: 'Clicking on the links below will take you to the course choice information pages for each subject area. Links will open up in a new tab.' Below this, it states: 'If any links do not work, please notify us by emailing balfourhs@glow.sch.uk'. At the bottom, there are two underlined links: 'English' and 'Mathematics'.



Assessment National 5

- Course assignment - may be externally marked
- Most subjects have an exam (not PE)
- Unit option



Assessment

National 4

- 2 or 3 unit assessments in every course
- Unit assessments are marked internally by the school
- Pupils must pass all unit assessments and **added value unit** to gain an overall award
 - Often a project or investigation but depends on the subject
 - This assesses the skills and knowledge gained in all other units
- **No external exam**



Developing the Young Workforce

Mrs Patrick



Future Pathways

- **S3 Course choice**
- **Destination planning**
- **Learning Pathways**
- **How to stand out**
- **Support**



S3 Course choice: Advice

Future Pathways website:

FUTURE PATHWAYS at Balforn High School

- Home
- Choosing a Future Pathway
- Future Pathways Advice ▾
- Future Pathways Career information ▾

Work Experience ▶

Course Choice Advice ▶

- Personal Statement
- Employability Skills - ▶
- Employability Course May 2015 ▶
- Vocational opportunities ▶
- Leadership opportunities ▶
- Apprenticeships ▶
- External Partners ▶

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Course Choice Advice

- Course Choice Forms
- Course Choice - Research
- Course Choice - Pupil advice
- Course Choice - Parents Information Evening
- Course Choice - Useful Links
- College Course Choice Information
- Course Choice - S4 Foundation Apprenticeships
- Course Choice - S4/5 Friday Courses at Forth Valley College

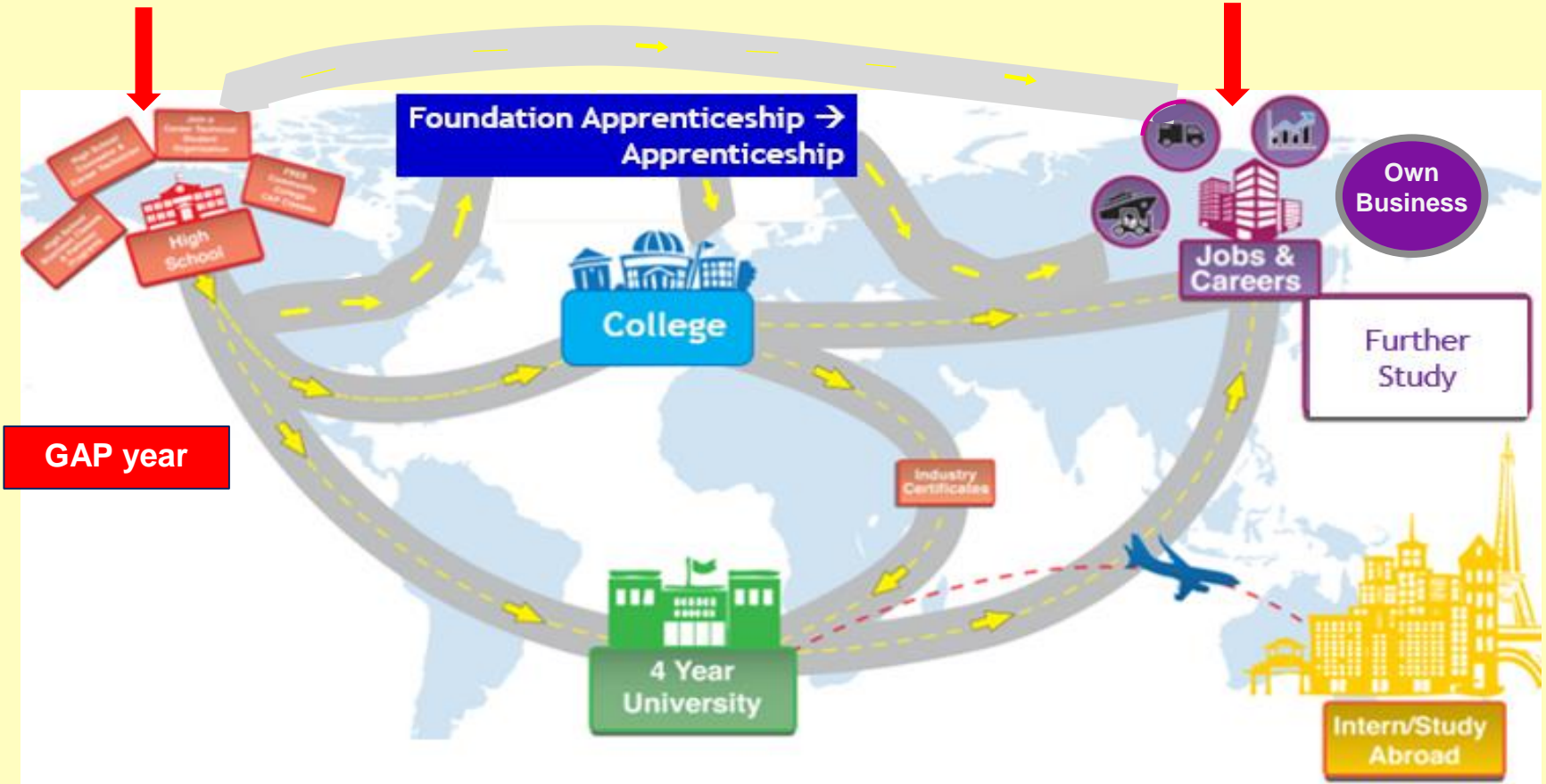
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der:
kills - what am I good at?
interests - what do I enjoy?
interested in/what career area am I
mmended to take a range of
is is due to the fact that:
- you may change your mind in the future and decide to follow



Future Pathways - Destination planning:

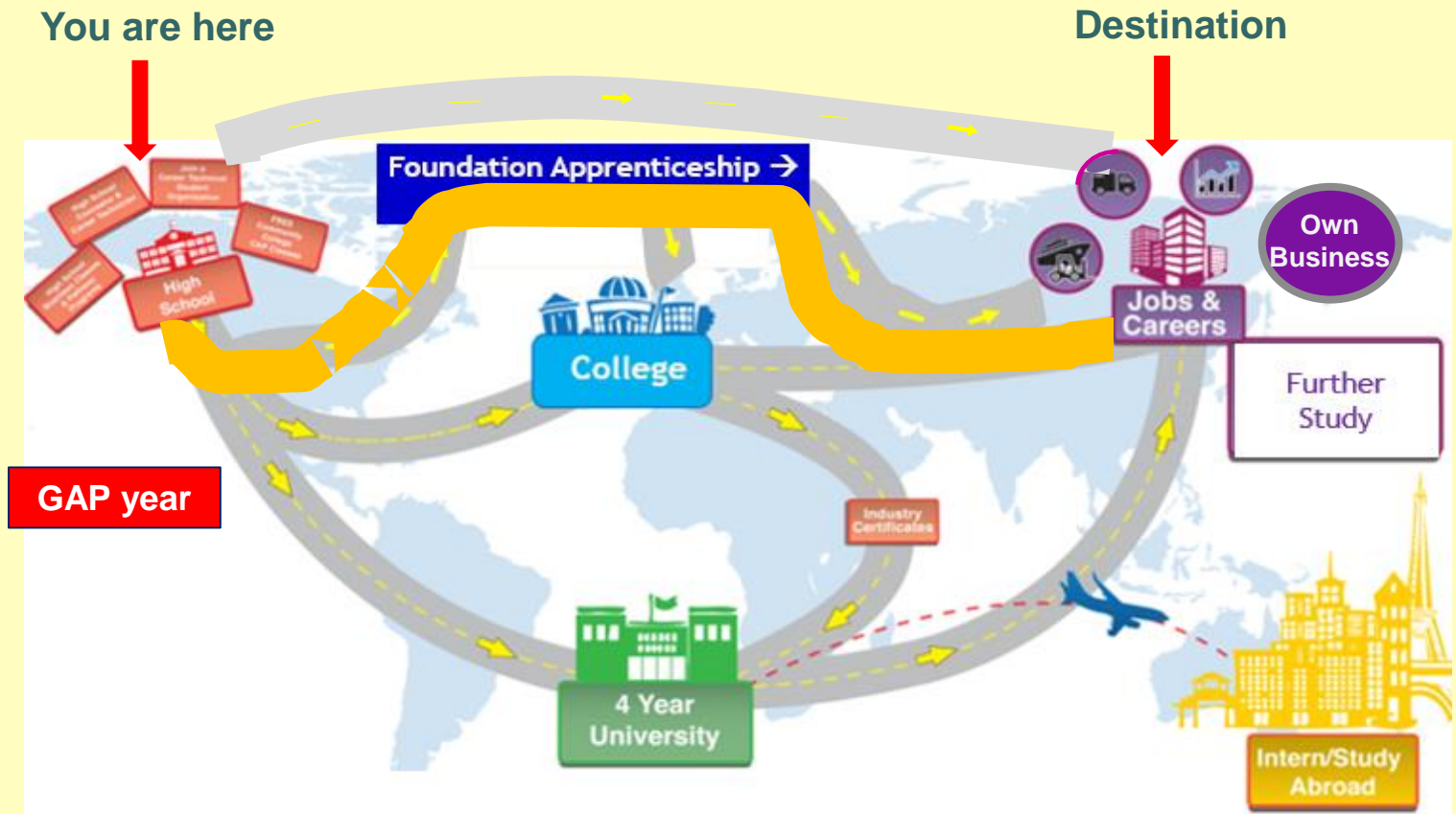
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Destination/Career



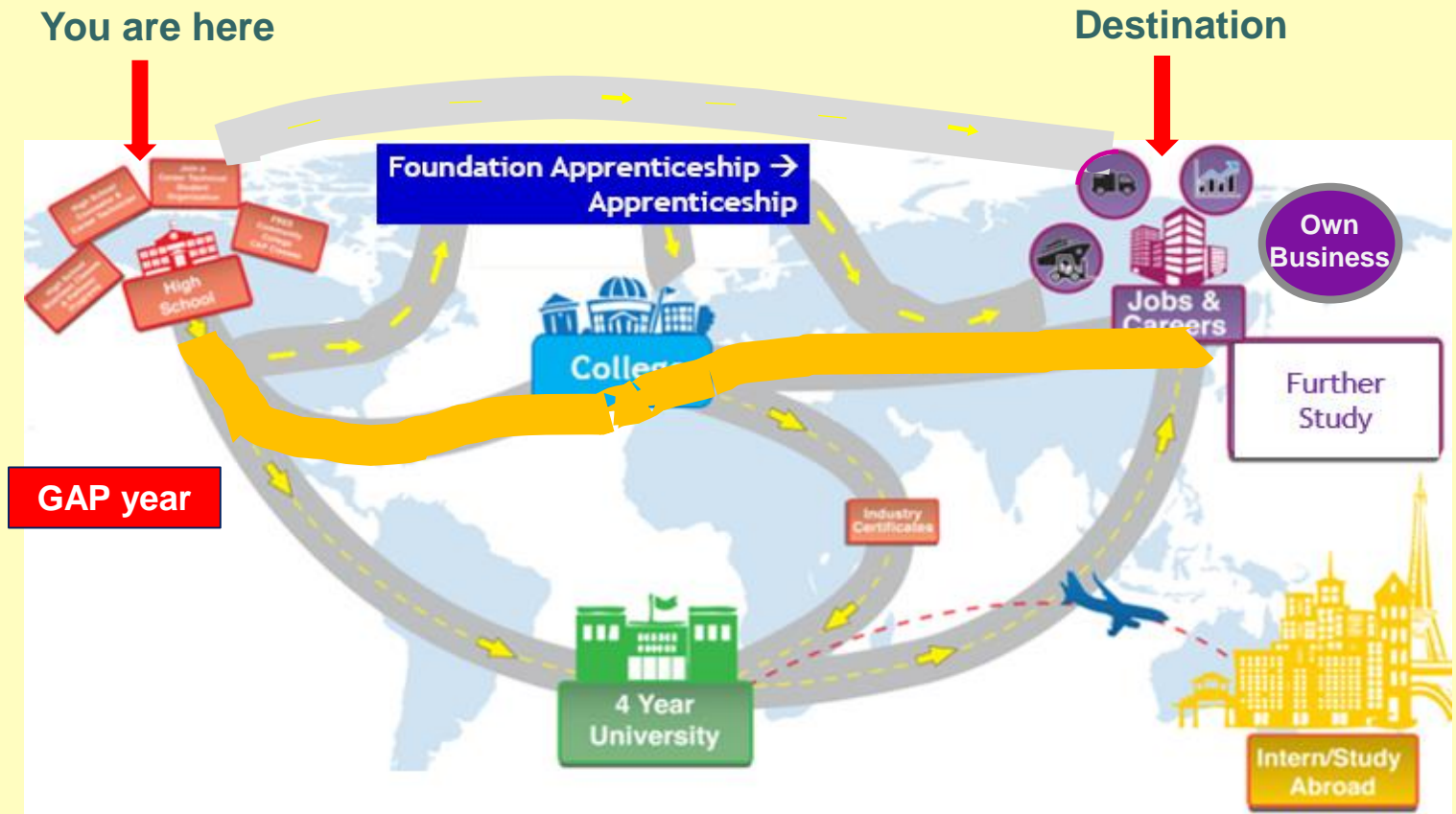


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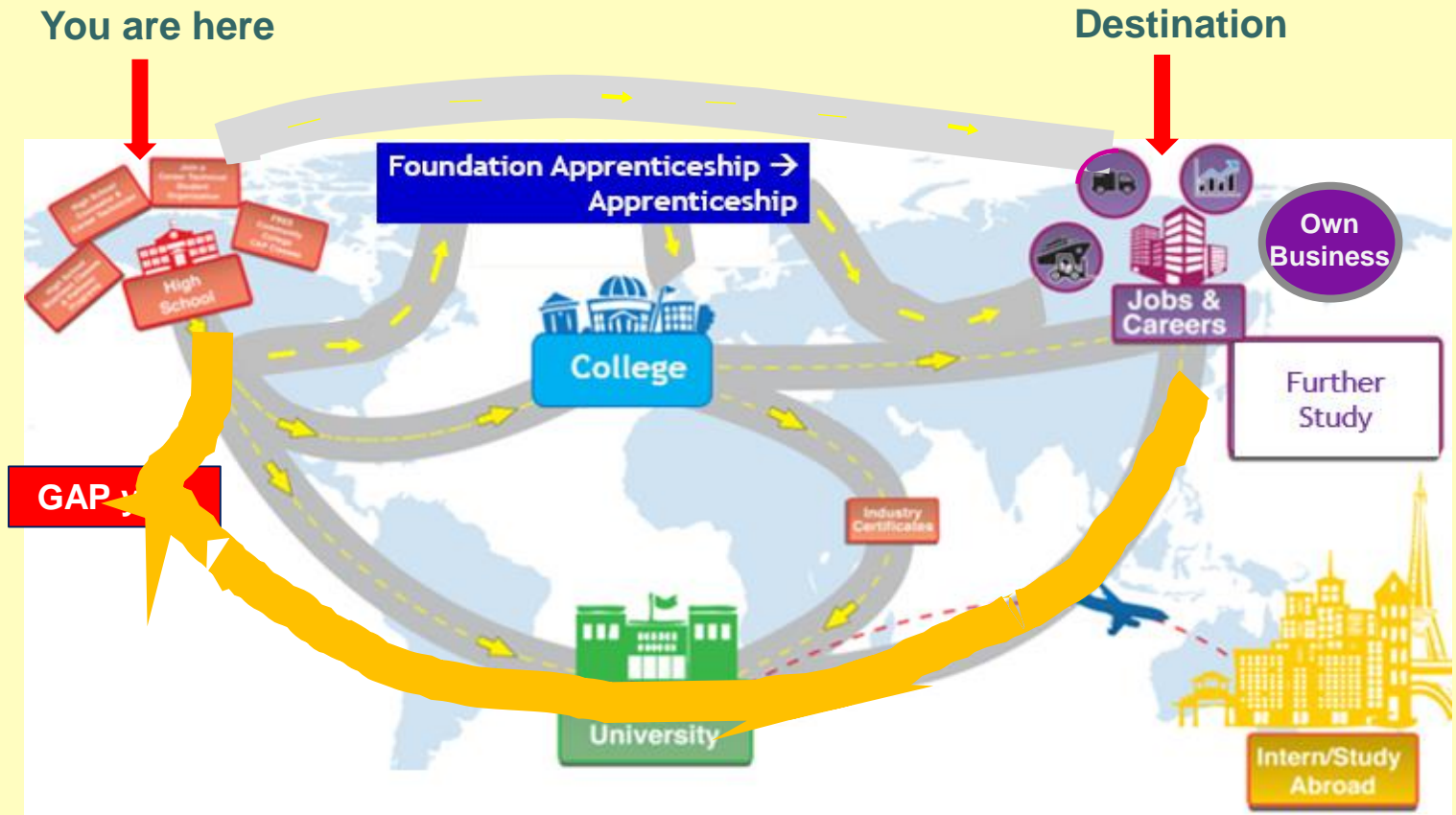


Future Pathways - Destination planning:





Future Pathways - Destination planning:





Future Pathways - Destination planning:

What are your **interests**?

What are your **skills**?

What job/**career** area?

→ **Research**



Future Pathways - Destination planning:

Future Pathways website:

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Considering your Future Pathway

Try using a website with a program which examines your strengths, interests, personality etc to advise a potential career path:

My World of Work

[My career options -](#)

Start by learning more about yourself, including where your strengths lie. You'll get suggestions to help you explore your options, from school subjects through to changes in your career. Try using the link below:

BOOKMARKS

- Balfour High School
- My World of Work
- Young Scot

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Future Pathways - Destination planning:



→ My Career Options

 <p>Creating new things and expressing ideas</p> <p>Create ></p>	 <p>Exploring problems and finding answers</p> <p>Discover ></p>	 <p>Making and fixing things</p> <p>Produce ></p>
 <p>Defending peoples' rights and protecting them</p> <p>Protect ></p>	 <p>Teaching and caring for others</p> <p>Care ></p>	 <p>Supporting customers and organising things</p> <p>Support ></p>



Future Pathways - Destination planning:



→ My Career Options

Subject choices tool

Where could my subjects take me?

Use this search to find out. Enter up to six school subjects including Foundation Apprenticeships. We'll find jobs where your subjects could be useful.



Enter subject title

Choose some options



- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

Show my career options



Future Pathways - Destination planning: Research Task:

- **Entry requirements**
minimum, usual
- **Subjects**
essential, approved





Future Pathways - Destination planning: Research Task:



Learner Pathway - Criminology



Wider achievements	Year	Subject and level											
MicroTyco Inspire Aspire	S1	Maths	English	Languages	Art	Music	Home Economics	Computing	3 Sciences	3 Social Subjects	3 BDT		
YPI	S2	Maths	English	Languages	Art	Music	Home Economics	Computing	3 Sciences	3 Social Subjects	3 DT		
Leadership course	S3	Maths	English	Biology	Music tech	Chemistry	History	Computing	Graph Comm	Music	PE	Modern Studies	
Work Placement - level 5	S4	Maths N5	English N5	Biology N5	History N5	Chemistry N5	Music Technology N5						
Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze	S5	Maths H	English H	Biology H	History H	Foundation Apprenticeship - Scientific Technologies							
Leadership Group Prefect	S6	Sociology H	Sports leaders	Work Experience - Level 6	Foundation Apprenticeship - Scientific Technologies								

Possible Destinations:

Destination	Criminology and Social Policy - University of Stirling
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Entry requirements: 4 Hs - AABB (Foundation Apprenticeship counts as Higher B) including Higher [Sociology](#)



Future Pathways - Destination planning: Research Task:



Learner Pathway

PE Teacher



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Support after school clubs	S3	Maths	English	Biology	Art	Business Managent	Hospitality	History	Spanish	Music tech	PE	Graph Comm
Work Placement - level 5 Developing Essential Skills Level 5	S4	Maths N5	English N5	Biology N5	PE N5	Chemistry N5	History N5					
Football coaching Volunteer Sports club	S5	Maths N5	English H	Biology N5	PE H	Enterprise and Employability N5						
Leadership - Level 6 House Captain Life Guard Qualification	S6	Sports Leaders	Work Experience - Level 6	Biology H	NPA Sports Development							

Possible Destinations:

Destination	Post school 1	HND Coaching and Developing Sport City of Glasgow College	Entry requirements: 2 Highers - CC, Maths Nat 5 - B
	Post school 2	BA (Hons) Sport Studies - Stirling University	Entry requirements: HND Coaching and Developing Sport - Bs
	Post school 3	PGDE (Secondary) - Moray House Teaching	Entry requirements: 2:1 degree in relevant degree, Higher English - C, Nat 5 Maths - B



Future Pathways - Destination planning: Research Task:



Learner Pathway

Engineering Technician



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Work Experience - 1 week	S5	Maths N5	English H	Physics H	Practical Woodwork N5	Construction SFW N5						
Prefect	S6	Maths H	Business Management N5	Physics H	Engineering Science N5							

Possible Destinations:

Destination	4 year Engineering Apprenticeship - BAE Systems
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Entry requirements: 5 Nat 5s C level - Incl Maths, English and Physics + 3 Hs C level - Maths, English and a science



Future Pathways – Learning Pathways:

- **Apprenticeships**
- **College/University**
- **Employment**



Future Pathways – Learning Pathways:

○ Apprenticeships:

APPRENTICESHIPS .SCOT

From Skills Development Scotland



Foundation Apprenticeships

I'd like to do an apprenticeship that gives me experience in the workplace, while still at school.



Modern Apprenticeships

I'm over 16 and am looking for paid employment that offers industry recognised training on the job.



Graduate Apprenticeships

I'm looking for a paid job that gives me industry experience and training whilst working towards a degree.

S4 course choice



Future Pathways – Learning Pathways:

○ College, University:

- Research 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:

Don't know what to study?

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

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](#)



Future Pathways – Learning Pathways:

○ Employment:

- Look at job adverts + person specifications
- eg Indeed



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Possible Destinations:

Apprenticeship	College	Job	University
<p>Modern Apprenticeship - Scientific Technologies/Lab Technician</p> <p>Entry requirements: Foundation Apprenticeship</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Higher Biology + Higher/Nat 5 (A or B) other science + Nat 5 Maths (A or B) + Nat 5 English + Nat 5</p>	<p>HNC Applied Science</p> <p>Entry requirements: Positive feedback from Foundation Apprenticeship + 90% attendance + H in a science (FVC - guaranteed place)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>2 Highers from Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry or Maths at grade C</p>	<p>Lab Technician</p> <p>Entry requirements: Modern Apprenticeship</p> <p>OR</p> <p>HNC Chemistry or Applied Science</p>	<p>BA Biomedical Science</p> <p>Entry requirements: HNC Applied Science</p> <p>OR</p> <p><u>UWS</u> - 4 Highers BBBC including Biology/Human Biology Foundation Apprenticeship counts as Higher B</p>



Future Pathways – How to stand out:

- Network
- Attend talks, etc
- Wider Achievements

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Balforn High School

Future Pathways Advice

To ensure that you have the best chance of achieving the next steps towards your chosen career you should consider some of the following:

- gather information - do research
- talk to family or friends who work in the career you are interested in (use your **NETWORK**)
- get involved in your local community
- attend talks and lectures
- volunteer
- work experience
- work shadowing

BOOKMARKS

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- My World of Work
- Young Scot

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Applied to UCAS this year? - don't worry if you have forgotten your password, follow the instructions here:



Future Pathways – Support:

- Assemblies, info via Form Class Leader
- DYW course – 10 week rota
- Work Experience + SQA unit (Sept 18)
- Careers Adviser interview (Jan 18)
- Careers Adviser group task (PSE)
- S3 Form Class Leader interview (Feb 18)



Future Pathways – Support:

Skills Development Scotland SDS

- Careers adviser – Aileen Crawford
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
- Office on top floor (above library)
- Form at reception for Appointment
- Drop-in – lunch

Skills
Development
Scotland





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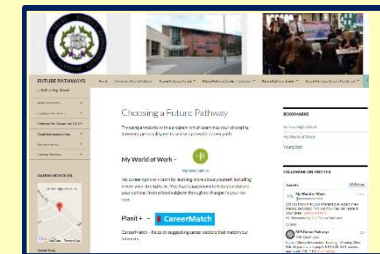
○ Future Pathways Twitter



○ Future Pathways Facebook



○ Future Pathways Website



○ My World of Work





Timeline

Key Dates

Procedure

S3 Reports Issued
Course Choice Information pm
FCL Interviews
Course Choice Form return by
New timetable begins

Dates

23rd February
26th February
27/02 - 16/03
Deadline 19th March
Monday 4th June



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Fairness Trust Respect
Responsibility Honesty

Course Choice 2017
Creative Arts
English
Health And Wellbeing
Mathematics
Modern Languages
Science
Social Subjects
Support For Learning
Technology

Welcome

Balfiron High School is a vibrant and caring learning community where the needs and aspirations of our young people are at the heart of our planning and day to day practice. We are committed to preparing our pupils to the highest standards for life beyond school. We do this by ensuring that relationships between staff and young people are positive, productive and supportive.

At Balfiron High School we have a strong ethos of attainment and achievement in all aspects of school life. We work closely with parents and partners to maximise the support that our young people are offered. We are committed to recognising and celebrating the success of our young people. The curriculum is broad and varied

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S2 footballers must attend a meeting in gym at break today
- Balfiron High School @balfronhigh
S1 netball team should meet in A5 at break today

Balfiron High School (@balfronhigh)

Fantastic pupils and staff working hard together to achieve great things in rural stirringshire

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Tweets

Balfiron High School retweeted @OurEuropeComp · 2h
Fantastic work from all #OurEurope participants at CitizenM yesterday! Congratulations to winning teams from @balfronhigh and @lenzieacad!

Balfiron High School retweeted @EUCommScotland · 4h
Congratulations to @LenzieAcademyML and @balfronhigh for winning the semi-final #OurEurope Film Competition @SEET_scotland