



The Senior Phase

Managing Transitions: Working Together

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Aims of the Senior Phase

- Pupils embark on appropriate programmes of study in order to gain qualifications that reflect their academic potential
- To develop skills and knowledge in preparation for life, learning and work
- To provide progression within school and beyond
- Support pupils to achieve a positive and sustained destination on leaving school.



Progression Pathways

Progression:

National 4	»	National 5
National 5	»	Higher
Higher	»	Advanced Higher

Enriching the Curriculum:

- Skills for Work courses
- SCQF Level 4/5/6 courses
- Winter Leavers Programme
- GradU8 Programme (S4-6)
- Foundation Apprenticeships (S5/S6)
- Young Applicants in Schools Scheme (S6)



S4 Experience

- **Core entitlement: PE(2), PSE (1), RME (1)**
- **7 SQA subjects: 4 periods per week**
- **Senior Phase Assessments**
- **Parents as Partners**
- **Work Experience (for those leaving at the end of S4)**



S4 Experience

Most S4 pupils will aim towards N5 unless there is clear evidence that they are unlikely to reach this level.

Evidence:

- **Prior attainment – S3**
- **Classwork/Homework/Coursework**
- **Senior Phase Assessment Diet**
- **Ongoing class assessments**
- **Professional Judgement**



S4 Experience

Additional Senior Phase Courses:

- **Enterprise & Employability (National Progression Award: SCQF Level 4)**
- **Skills for Work: Energy (National 5)**



S5 Experience

- **Core entitlement: PE (2)**
- **5 SQA subjects: 6 periods per week**
- **Senior Phase Assessments**
- **Parents as Partners**
- **Work Experience (for those leaving at the end of S5)**



Progression from S4

- **Almost all National 5 at A/B – 5 Highers**
- **Almost all National 5 passes, some at A/B – 3+ Highers**
- **1 or more National 5 passes – 1+ Higher**



S5 Experience

Additional Senior Phase Courses:

- **Photography (Higher/Level 45)**
- **Sports Development (National Progression Award: SCQF Level 6)**
- **Practical Metalwork (National 5)**
- **Practical Cookery (National 5)**
- **Scottish Studies (National 5)**
- **Laboratory Science (National Progression Award: SCQF Level 5)**
- **Cyber Security (National Progression Award: SCQF Level 4/5/6)**
- **Environmental Science (Higher)**



S6 Experience

- **Core entitlement: 1 period of PSE and 1 period S6 Elective**
- **Minimum of 4 SQA subjects/3 Advanced Highers**
- **Study Periods**
- **Senior Phase Assessments**
- **Parents as partners**
- **Work Experience**



Progression from S5

- **5 Highers at A/B – 3 Advanced Highers**
- **Achieved Higher at A/B – Advanced Higher**
- **Minimum 4 subjects/3 Advanced Higher**



S6 Experience

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- Leadership opportunities within school
- Roles of responsibility
- Supporting other pupils
- Volunteering
- Community activities
- Work Experience (final year of school)
- Clubs / organisations outwith school



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- **Scottish Studies (National 5)**
- **Laboratory Science (National Progression Award: SQF Level 5)**
- **Cyber Security (National Progression Award: SCQF Level 4/5/6)**
- **Environmental Science (Higher)**
- **Philosophy (Higher) - S6 only**
- **Accounting (Higher) - S6 only**



Options Process

- **PSE lessons focussed on options and careers**
- **Progress Reports**
- **S4 Careers Consultancy: Wednesday, 22 January 2020**
- **S4 Consultation Evening: Monday, 3 February 2020**
- **S3 Assessment Diet: Starts Monday, 3 February 2020**
- **S5 Reports: Thursday, 13 February 2020**
- **S3 Reports: Thursday, 2 April 2020**
- **Skills Development Scotland**
- **Interview with Pupil Support Teacher**
- **My World of Work website**
- **UCAS website**



Options Process

Options Process: Course / level selections
January / February 2020

New timetable for S4 starts Monday, 18 May 2020

New timetable for S5/6 starts Monday, 1 June 2020

Options Review for S5/6: Impact of SQA results
August 2020



Options Process

Return of Option Choice forms:

For S4	Wednesday, 5 February 2020
For S5	Wednesday, 19 February 2020
For S6	Wednesday, 11 March 2020



Achieving Success

- **Identify and address areas of development.**
- **Have a 'distraction free' study environment.**
- **Develop good study techniques and habits.**
- **Past Papers/revision materials.**
- **Make use of supports**
 - **Websites: SQA, BBC Bitesize**
 - **Friends, siblings, parents, teachers.**
- **Commit to a study timetable.**
- **Attend Supported Study/Easter Study classes.**



Youth Employability

- Douglas Hashagen
- Focus on 'My Brighter Future Programme'.

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TOGETHER WE



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