

S3 PARENTS' CURRICULUM INFORMATION EVENING JANUARY 2017

Welcome to
Banchory Academy



Focus

- CfE Structure/Principles
- Senior Phase
- Choices

CfE Levels or Stages

Early	The pre-school years and P1, or later for some.
First	To the end of P4, but earlier or later for some.
Second	To the end of P7, but earlier or later for some.
Third and Fourth	S1 to S3 (Broad General Education). Many pupils will be accessing Fourth level work in S3
Senior Phase	S4 to S6 (Senior Phase), in school and/or college or other means of study.

CfE Secondary structure

- **S1 -S3: BGE**
- Based on experiences and outcomes, level 3/4

- **S4-S6: Senior Phase**
- Focus on qualifications (not only SQA)
- Qualifications build on the experiences and outcomes of the BGE, levels 3 to 7

CfE Curriculum design principles

- Challenge and Enjoyment
- Breadth
- Progression
- Depth
- Personalisation and Choice
- Coherence
- Relevance

CfE Curriculum Areas

- Languages and Literacy
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Science
- Social Studies
- Expressive Arts
- Technologies
- Religious and Moral Education
- Health and Well-being

Senior Phase Curriculum Areas

- S1- S3, BGE phase: essential to study of all curriculum areas
- S4-S6, Senior Phase: free choice (English and Maths being compulsory in S4)

Assessment and Certification in the Senior Phase

- Senior Phase is S4 - S6 (view as a continuum)
- S4 start to select and build qualifications
- Progression routes to National 3, National 4, National 5, Higher(N6), Advanced Higher(N7)
- Exams in May(N5 to AH), certification in August
- Courses still built up in units/blocks*

Senior Phase curriculum (S4-6)

- S4: six SQA National 4/5 courses*
- S5/6: up to five courses
- Pupils will be able to pick up National 4 or 5 courses when they are in S5 or S6 to diversify their portfolio of qualifications
- *Pupils may pick up other qualifications such as Volunteering Awards, College awards and Open University qualifications (Flexible pathways)

Qualifications Framework scqf

SCQF Level	Previous Provision	New Qualification
Level 1	Access 1	National 1
Level 2	Access 2	National 2
Level 3	Access 3 & Foundation	National 3
Level 4	SG General/Int 1	National 4
Level 5	SG Credit & Int2	National 5
Level 6	Higher	Higher
Level 7	Advanced Higher	Advanced Higher

Choices for S4

- Parents Evening- December 16
- Input from Guidance Staff/SDS (Careers)
- Course Choice Assembly 11/1/17
- Choice Booklet- on website now*
- Info Evening - 12/1/17
- **Choice form returned-23/1/17**

**BANCHORY ACADEMY
S4 CURRICULAR OPTIONS FORM**

SESSION 2017 - 2018

Name: _____

Class: _____

Core Subjects (These subjects will be studied by all pupils)	S3 Options	S4 Options	
	Please list subjects studied in S3	Please Select 4 Options + 2 Reserve Options from subjects already studied in S3 Please list in order of priority 1 – 6	
English Mathematics Religious and Moral Education (RMPS) PE Personal & Social Education	English	Achieve	
	Mathematics	Administration & IT	
	French	Art & Design	
	Core PE	Biology	
	Core RMPS	Business Management	
	SE	Chemistry	
	1	Computing Science	
	2	Design & Manufacture	
	3	Drama	
	4	French	
	5	Geography	
	6	Graphic Communication	
	7	History	
		Hospitality	
		Modern Studies	
		Music	
		PE	
		Physics	
		RMPS	
	Science		
	Skills for Work – Sport & Recreation		
	Spanish		

Pupil Signature: _____ Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Completed Forms must be returned by **MONDAY 23rd JANUARY 2017** (hand in at registration or to the school reception)

Further Information

- <http://www.banchoryacademy.co.uk>

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- <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk>
- <http://www.sqa.org.uk>
- <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/>
- <http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk>
- <http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk>
- <http://www.planitplus.net/careerzone>

Questions

