

S3 PARENTS' CURRICULUM INFORMATION EVENING JANUARY 2018

Welcome to
Banchory Academy



Tonight's Focus

- The story so far
- Senior Phase Curriculum
- Choice Process

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:** Broad General Education (BGE)
- Based on experiences and outcomes, level 3/4
- Built upon BGE from primary education

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

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...i.e. "what subjects are important for me in s4 to then progress in S5/S6?" (its worth noting that, although we cannot guarantee courses will run at the Higher level the following year, we will try to ensure that as many as possible do)
- Think about progression routes to National 3, National 4, National 5, Higher(N6), Advanced Higher(N7)
- Exams in May(N5 to AH), certification in August
- Units/blocks being phased out of qualifications*

Senior Phase curriculum (S4-6)

- S4: six SQA National 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)
- *College courses available for some so Shelley Mackenzie from NESCOL then spoke about college/school links

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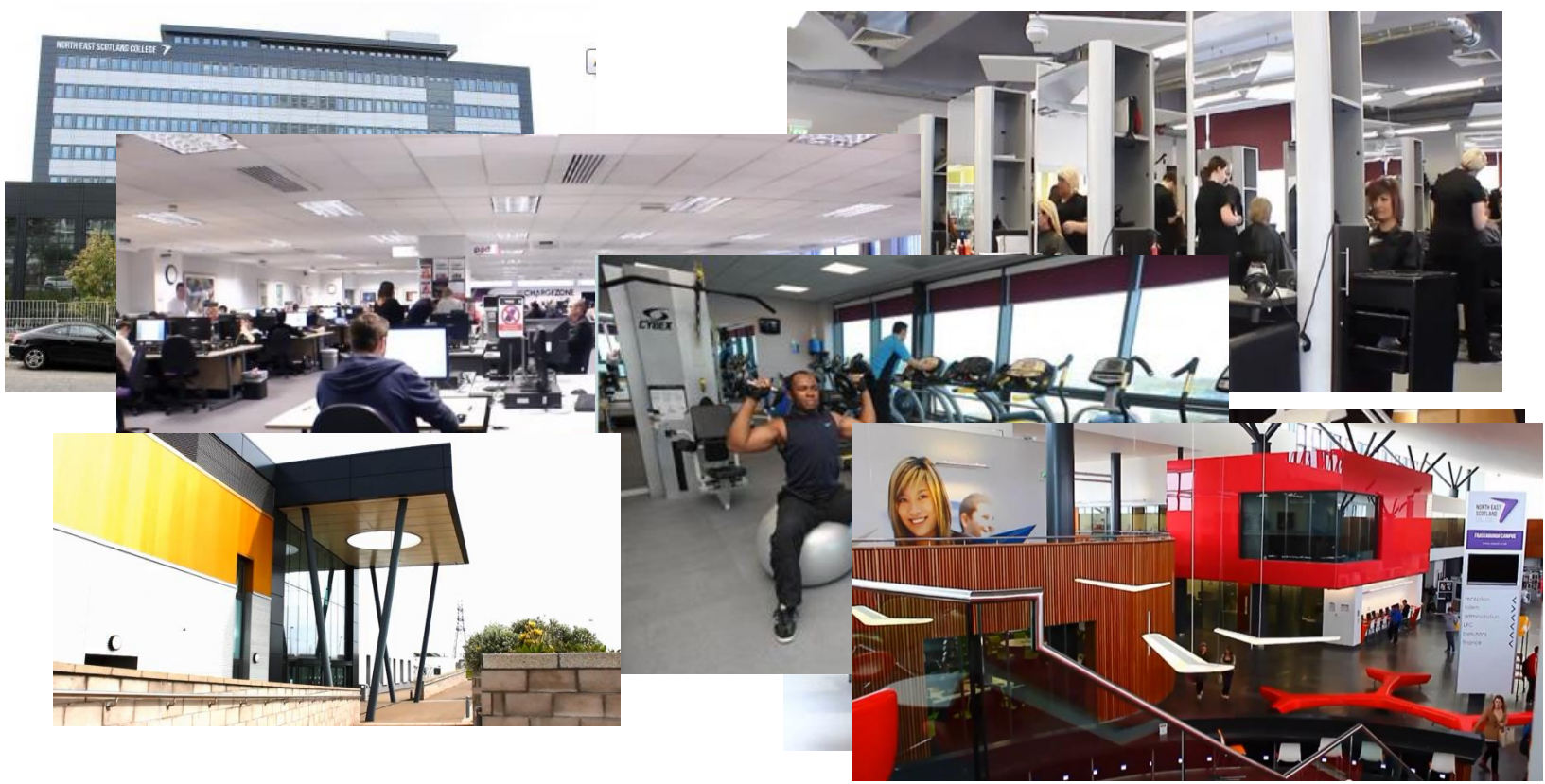
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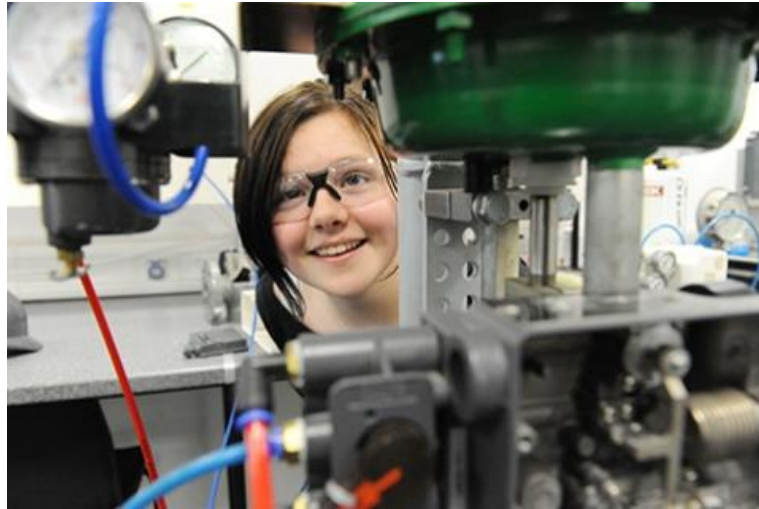


Career Education Opportunities

“As they move into the senior phase, young people of all abilities should have the opportunity to follow industry relevant vocational pathways alongside academic studies.”

Education Working For All – June 2014





“The objective of our School College links programme is to offer a broad range of vocational education opportunities that introduce pupils to industry relevant knowledge whilst developing transferable skills that support transition to the workplace at the level most suited to their individual aspirations.”

School College Links Courses

- Study at School and College
- Develop resilience and confidence
- Enhance personal statement or CV
- Develop skills and knowledge for employment

School College Links Courses

- When being taught by a College lecturer young people will be treated like a College student.
- College is an adult learning environment and we expect the same adult behaviour of school pupils as we do of our full time students.
- **College courses can mean missing some school classes – so additional commitment to catching up on missed work is essential**
- When attending a College course we expect pupils to behave as though they are arriving at work – on time and well prepared

School College Links Courses

- College staff will report on pupil attendance, behaviour and progress to school
- A written progress report for school and parents will be prepared twice a year
- Courses are certificated and support progression to further study, modern apprenticeships, training or employment.
- Courses support pupils in developing key skills identified by employers as essential for entering the workplace

Subject Areas include:

- Digital Media
- Civil Engineering
- Construction
- Automotive
- Early Education and Childcare
- Health Sector
- Computing
- Sport
- Hospitality
- Travel and Tourism
- Marketing and Events
- Psychology
- Engineering
- Accountancy
- Laboratory Science
- Beauty Therapy
- Maritime

Qualifications include:

- SQA N5's and Highers
- Skills for Work at N4 and N5
- City and Guilds Awards
- National Progression Awards
- Foundation Apprenticeships
- Professional Development Awards
- College Certificates



Contact Us:

Any queries from pupils or parents can be answered in school by Guidance Staff or please email us at:

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Important to remember

- College courses will mean any classes they miss at school need to be caught up
- Pupils must speak to Guidance Teacher before signing up for a college course
- Not all pupils are successful in obtaining a placement with the college

Choices for S4...the process

- Info Evening - 10/1/18
- Course Choice Assembly 08/01/18
- Input from Guidance Staff/SDS (Careers)
- Choice Booklet- on website now*
- Parents Evening- 17th January
- **Choice form returned-19/1/18**



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 studied in S3. List in order of priority 1 - 6	
English Mathematics PE Personal & Social Education Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies (RMPS)	English	Achieve	
	Mathematics	Administration & IT	
	French	Art & Design	
	Core PE	Biology	
	Core RMPS	Business Management	
	PSE	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		
	College (Specify Course) →		

Pupil Signature: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Completed Forms must be returned by **FRIDAY 19th JANUARY 2018** (hand in at registration or to the school reception)

Choices for S4...notes

- Please ensure all forms are handed in by the 19th Jan. After this date, the process of building columns will begin and so any forms after this date will have to "fit in".
- We will try to ensure the maximum number of pupils get their choices as possible - however, there will likely be some who we have to contact to look at reserve choices

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

