



# S4→S5 Options Briefing Banchory Academy February 2019





# Focus

- ▶ Choice Calendar
- ▶ Choices
- ▶ Thinking Ahead
- ▶ Alternative Pathways
- ▶ Option Form & Booklet



# S4→S5 Choice Calendar

- ▶ December - S4 Parents Subject Evening
- ▶ Tonight - Parents Information Evening
- ▶ Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Choice Assembly
- ▶ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Choice forms return.
  
- ▶ Guidance input throughout process.



# Choices

- ▶ Pupils must choose 5 subjects plus 1 "enrichment"
- ▶ **NOTE: NO COLUMNS...THE COLUMNS WILL BE BUILT UP BASED ON WHAT THE PUPILS CHOOSE**
- ▶ Choices can be...
- ▶ Upgrade results from S4 (eg Nat 5 → Higher)
- ▶ Revisit courses from S3
- ▶ Experience new courses
- ▶ A combination of all of the above
- ▶ In addition, one PSE and two study periods



# Points to Note

- ▶ Senior phase pupils (S4/5/6) will be timetabled together in some classes
- ▶ Over subscribed subjects - some pupils will be asked to make a further choice.
- ▶ There are often places available after the summer holidays
- ▶ Undersubscribed subjects - class not likely to run
- ▶ In addition, some subjects may not be offered due to staffing
- ▶ Some classes will be bi or tri level - National 5/H/AH
- ▶ **As there are no columns...there are no restrictions to choice at this time...however...as the timetable is then built up, there will be permutations which will not be possible.**



# Before Choosing your subjects

- ▶ Think...one years...two years...?
- ▶ What subjects do you need...but are these your strengths?
- ▶ Talk to Guidance Teacher...talk to Subject teachers...look at your recommendations for S5.
- ▶ Check college and university prospectuses for entry qualifications - "going rates" may be higher than what appears in the prospectus
- ▶ Contact Further and Higher Education admissions offices for advice. Be aware of university entrance requirements
- ▶ Remember that entry qualification will be over one sitting and more will be required over two sittings





# Alternative Pathways

- ▶ Not always about 5 Highers.
- ▶ College courses
- ▶ Achieve - see choice booklet (limited spaces)

## **COURSES**

The course offers opportunity for a flexible approach but will cover:

- **Enterprise Project:** Experience what it takes to run a business and put your entrepreneurial skills to the test.
- **Work Experience:** Work with local employers and gain insight into the world of work.
- **Helping in the Community:** Work as part of a team to make a difference to your local community. You can help a local charity or community organisation to achieve their goals.
- **Career Planning:** Create a CV, practice for future interviews, explore your skills and talents and hear from current employers.
- **Life Skills:** Through fun and interactive sessions, you'll learn how to manage money, be healthy and stay safe.

For more information on the Prince's Trust ACHIEVE Programme you can visit [www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/unlock-your-potential](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/unlock-your-potential)

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# 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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# COURSE CHOICE FORM FOR NEW S5s and S6s



<b>Advanced Higher</b>	Art & Design	English	History	Modern Studies	RMF S
	Biology	French	Mathematics	Music	Spanish
	Chemistry	Geography	Maths of Mechanics	Physics	YASS
	Drama				
<b>Higher</b>	Accounting	Computing Science	Geography	Media	Physics
	Art & Design	Design & Manufacture	Graphic Communication	Modern Studies	RMPS
	Biology	Drama	History	Music	Spanish
	Business Management	English	Mathematics	Physical Education	
	Chemistry	French			
<b>National 4/5</b>	Achieve Award	Computing Science	Graphic Communication	Modern Studies	<u>SfW</u> (Lab Science)
	Admin & IT	Design and Manufacture	History	Music	<u>SfW</u> (Sports & Rec)
	Art & Design	Drama	Hosp - <u>Prac</u> Cake Craft	Physical Education	Spanish
	Biology	English	Applications of Maths	Physics	
	Business Management	French	Mathematics	RMPS	
	Chemistry	Geography	Media		

**College** Specified College Courses are available (you must speak to your Guidance Teacher)



<b>Enrichment</b> (New S5 - Choose 1)	Art & Design	Music	Physical Education
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**S4→S5:** Choose **ANY FIVE** courses plus **ONE** Enrichment.

**S5→S6:** Choose a **min 4/max 5** courses.  
(minimum 3, if only Adv Highers)



# COURSE CHOICE FORM FOR NEW S5s and S6s

Please tick this box if you intend to leave school at the end of this session

Pupil's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Register Class \_\_\_\_\_

- S5 pupils should choose **5 subjects plus one Enrichment subject** from the list on the previous page
- S6 pupils should choose a minimum of **4 subjects from the list** on the previous page (3, if only choosing Adv Highers)
- Put your choices in the table in **order of importance to YOU** (1 means first choice and most important)
- Please fill in the **SUBJECT and LEVEL** (Adv H, H, N5, N4)
- Ensure that either your current teacher or the Principal teacher signs each choice
- Speak to your Guidance Teacher to ensure you make the most appropriate choices.
- Write a **RESERVE** choice in final box. This would only be allocated after discussing the matter with you.

Choice	Subject	Level	Teacher Initials
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
Enrichment (S5)			

RESERVE CHOICE			
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It is hoped that we will be able to provide most if not all pupils with their choices. **However due to timetable considerations we cannot guarantee that every combination of courses will be possible or that every course listed above will run.** This will depend on the numbers opting for the course and available staffing.

Signature of pupil:	Date:
Signature of parent:	Date:

Please sign and return to Reception by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

# Any Questions

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