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# S5→S6 Options Briefing Banchory Academy February 2017





# Focus

- ▶ Choice Calendar
- ▶ The S6 Curriculum & Choices
- ▶ YASS
- ▶ Universities/UCAS
- ▶ Alternative Pathways
- ▶ Prefects/Captains
- ▶ Option Form
- ▶ Responsibilities in S6



# S5→S6 Choice Calendar

- ▶ Tonight – Parents Information Evening
- ▶ Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Choice Assembly
- ▶ Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – S5 Parents Subject Evening
- ▶ Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Choice forms return.
  
- ▶ Guidance input throughout process.



# Choices #1. Academic

- ▶ Pupils must choose 3, 4 or 5 subjects\* (tariff dependent)
- ▶ Choices can be...
- ▶ Upgrade results from S5 (eg Higher → Adv Higher)
- ▶ Resit subjects from S5
- ▶ Revisit courses from S3, S4
- ▶ Experience new courses
- ▶ A combination of all of the above
- ▶ In addition one period devoted to S6 Briefing



## S6 Tariff – 60 Academic Points

Advanced Higher Courses	22 points
Higher Courses	17 points
National 5 Courses	15 points
Preparation for Art Folio (AH Art pupils only)	10 Points
Advanced Higher Applied Maths (AH maths pupils only)	10 points



S6 Tariff 75 points - **60** of which should be academic courses.

3 AH courses

$$3 \times 22 = 66$$

2 AH + 1 Higher/YASS/S6@uni

$$(22 \times 2) + 17 = 61$$

2 AH + 2 National 5

$$(22 \times 2) + (15 \times 2) = 74$$

1 AH + 3 Higher

$$22 + (17 \times 3) = 73$$

4 Higher

$$4 \times 17 = 68$$

3 AH + AH Applied Maths

$$(3 \times 22) + 10 = 76$$

2 AH + AH Applied Maths + 1 Higher

$$(2 \times 22) + 10 + 17 = 71$$

1 AH + Art Folio + 2 Higher

$$(2 \times 22) + 10 + 17 = 71$$

# Choices- #2 Citizenship/Personal Development

## EXAMPLES

- ▶ Classroom Tutoring (per period per week) 8 points
- ▶ Primary Music Club (per weekly session) 8 points
- ▶ Buddying 8 points
- ▶ Charities Committee 3 points
- ▶ Senior Prom Committee 3 points
- ▶ Silver Surfers 8 points



# YASS – Young Applicants in Scottish Schools

- ▶ Open University online learning – Level 1
- ▶ Galaxies, stars and planets
- ▶ Communication for Business
- ▶ An introduction to contemporary law in Scotland
- ▶ The Frozen Planet
- ▶ Professional communication skills for business studies
- ▶ Molecules, medicines and drugs : a chemical story
- ▶ Introduction to financial services
- ▶ Living without oil : chemistry for a sustainable future
- ▶ Volcanoes, Earthquakes & Tsunamis
- ▶ Other courses from OU website
- ▶ **Fees of £200 + (funding available)**





# Before Choosing your subjects

- ▶ 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



# University view of S6

- ▶ Looking for future uni candidates who are independent learners and complete what they start
- ▶ Looking for candidates who can “juggle” study with involvement in a range of other activities.
- ▶ Pupils who keep achieving academically throughout S6 will be more likely to successfully transfer to university and survive a first year
- ▶ Pupils need to check with universities before dropping a subject after a UCAS application has been made

# UCAS



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- ▶ On-line Prospectuses
- ▶ UCAS process – programme within the school
- ▶ Open Days
- ▶ Research entrance requirements now



# Alternative Pathways

- ▶ Employment
- ▶ College
- ▶ Prince's Trust – Achieve (S4→S5 Course Guide!)



# RESPONSIBILITY IN S6

- ▶ Citizenship/Personal Development as part of choice process
- ▶ Degree of flexibility in learning
- ▶ Senior School Agreement form
- ▶ School/House Captains

**BANCHORY ACADEMY**  
**S6 COURSE CHOICE FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Enrichment Activities
	<p><b><u>National 5</u></b> Biology Chemistry Design &amp; Manu. Graphic Comm. History Lab Science Modern Studies RMPS Skills for Work (S&amp;R) Science (Nat 4)</p> <p><b><u>Higher</u></b> Accounting Chemistry English History Modern Studies Physics</p> <p><b><u>Advanced Higher</u></b> Art &amp; Design Physics Spanish</p>	<p><b><u>National 5</u></b> Biology Chemistry History <u>Lifeskills</u> Maths Modern Studies PE Physics Spanish</p> <p><b><u>Higher</u></b> Art &amp; Design Biology Business Management English Maths</p> <p><b><u>Advanced Higher</u></b> English Maths</p>	<p><b><u>National 5</u></b> English Media Music</p> <p><b><u>Higher</u></b> Computing Science Design &amp; Manufacture English Geography Modern Studies Music RMPS</p> <p><b><u>Advanced Higher</u></b> Chemistry Computing Science Music RMPS</p>	<p><b><u>National 5</u></b> Art &amp; Design Chemistry Design &amp; Manufacture French Geography Modern Studies Physics</p> <p><b><u>Higher</u></b> Art &amp; Design Chemistry Drama French Graphic Communication History Maths Physics</p> <p><b><u>Advanced Higher</u></b> Biology Drama Graphic Comm.</p>	<p><b><u>National 5</u></b> Achieve Award* Art &amp; Design Biology Business Man. Computing Drama Graphic Comm. Hospitality Maths</p> <p><b><u>Higher</u></b> Biology Chemistry Maths PE Physics Spanish</p> <p><b><u>Advanced Higher</u></b> Drama Geography History PE</p>	<p><b>Advanced Higher Applied Maths – AH Maths pupils only</b></p> <p><b>Advanced Higher Modern Studies</b></p> <p><b>Advanced Higher French</b></p> <p>YASS – Please circle if you would wish to include this as a choice</p>
Subject →						
Level →						<b>Enrichment</b>

Please tick **ONE** box

I am returning to school for S6

I am leaving school at the end of S5

I am unsure whether I will be leaving or returning to S6

Please detail below subjects studied in S4 and result

Subject	Level

Please detail below subjects studied in S5

Subject	Level

Detail below any other option combination you would have preferred



# 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
- ▶ Some classes will be bi or tri level – National 5/H/AH
- ▶ Pupils must choose from the choice form but if there is another preferred option indicate this on the form



# Any Questions

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