



S5→S6 Options Briefing Banchory Academy February 2019





Focus

- ▶ Choice Calendar
- ▶ The S6 Curriculum, Choices & Responsibilities
- ▶ Universities/UCAS
- ▶ Alternative Pathways
- ▶ Option Form



S5→S6 Choice Calendar

- ▶ December- S5 Parents Subject Evening
- ▶ Tonight - Parents Information Evening
- ▶ This morning - Choice Assembly
- ▶ Monday 4th March - Choice forms return.
- ▶ Guidance input throughout process.



Choices #1. Academic

- ▶ Pupils must choose 3, 4 or 5 subjects*
- ▶ 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 PSE/Briefing

Choices #1. Academic

- ▶ Pupils should select 4 subjects
- ▶ Leaves room for study plus citizenship/personal development
- ▶ Some may only take 3 (eg 3 adv highers; Foundation Apprenticeships; highlighted reduced curriculum)

Choices- #2 Citizenship/Personal Development

EXAMPLES

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

- ▶ See course guide

RESPONSIBILITY IN S6

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



Before Choosing 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
- ▶ Skills-based courses eg Prince's Trust - Achieve (See Course Guide!)
- ▶ College courses

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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:

schools@nescol.ac.uk

We are also on Twitter and Facebook for regular updates!

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YASS - Young Applicants in Scottish Schools

- ▶ Open University online learning - Level 1

Examples of Courses:

- ▶ Galaxies, stars and planets
- ▶ An introduction to contemporary law in Scotland
- ▶ Introducing Statistics
- ▶ Beginners Chinese
- ▶ Volcanoes, Earthquakes & Tsunamis
- ▶ Other courses from OU website
- ▶ **Fees of approx. £200* (funding may be available)**



BANCHORY ACADEMY

COURSE CHOICE FORM FOR NEW S5s and S6s



Advanced Higher	Art & Design	English	History	Modern Studies	RMPS
	Biology	French	Mathematics	Music	Spanish
	Chemistry	Geography	Maths of Mechanics	Physics	YASS
	Drama				
Higher	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			
National 4/5	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 - Prac 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)

Enrichment (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 4th March 2019.**



Points to Note

- ▶ **As there are no columns...there are no restrictions to choice at this time. The timetable WILL BE BUILT UP BASED ON PUPIL CHOICES...however...as it is built up, there will be permutations which will not be possible.**
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Some classes may not be able to run due to staffing
- ▶ There are often places available after the summer holidays
- ▶ Undersubscribed subjects - class not likely to run

Any Questions

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