

Hyndland Secondary School

S2 Course Choices – Information Evening



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS

SPERO MELIORA

Format of the Evening

- Introductions and Welcome
- The Choices Process – Mrs Hayes
- Choosing my curriculum
 - Daisy Turner & Sophia Martin S3 pupils
- Pastoral Care Support – Mr R Carstairs
- Careers Advice – Ms V Kokota



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

Why attendance matters

- The top performing 20% of S4 students had an average attendance of 97.49% whilst the bottom 20% had an average attendance of 73.98%.
- Those in S4 who are currently on course to pass 8 National 5 awards in May had an average attendance of 96.87%.



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

Mrs Hayes
Depute Head Teacher
S2/S3



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

Curriculum for Excellence

Curriculum in this context means “all that is planned for children and young people throughout their education”:

- The ethos and life of the school as a community
- Curriculum areas and subjects
- Interdisciplinary learning
- Opportunities for wider achievement



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS

SPERO MELIORA

Our S2 pupils have:

- Enthusiasm & Motivation
- Commitment & Participation
- Enjoyment & Success in learning
- Ambition & Determination to do well
- Confidence
- Maturity & Independence



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

Curricular Areas

- Expressive arts
- Languages and literacy
- Health and Wellbeing
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Religious and Moral Education
- Sciences
- Social Studies
- Technologies



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

Building towards
the Senior Phase



SPERO MELIORA
I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS

Making decisions on Course Planning

- S1-S3 is designed to provide a broad, general education, but there is scope for choices The S2 Course Choice Programme allows pupils to focus on subjects in which they have a particular aptitude or interest increasing specialisation at the end of S2.
- This flexibility helps ensure learners have the right level of challenge and support & will provide a strong basis for moving on to the learning for qualifications.



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

SPERO MELIORA

I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS

The S3 Experience

Sophia, Daisy and Rita



The curriculum – Hyndland Secondary School

- In Hyndland Secondary School our young people are able to have some choice of courses for further study.
- Choices are made by 26th April 2019 and their new courses will begin in August 2019.



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
S PERO MELIORA

Compulsory Subjects

English

Maths

RME

PE

PSE



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS

SPERO MELIORA

Senior Phase Qualifications – S4

- English and Maths + 6 Choices

Curricular area	Curricular area	Curricular area	Curricular area	Curricular area
Expressive Arts	Science	Social Subjects	Technologies	2X Elective Choices



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

English	Maths	Expressive Arts	Sciences	Social Studies	Technologies	Additional - 2 Options	
& Literacy	& Numeracy						
4	4	3	3	3	3	3 periods of each	
						Choose any two from the following	
English	Mathematics	French or Spanish	French or Spanish	French or Spanish	French or Spanish		
		Art and Design	Biology	Business Man	Admin & IT	Admin & IT	Engineering Science
		Drama	Chemistry	Geography	Computing	Art and Design	Practical Fashion
		Music	Physics	History	Computer Games Dev	Biology	Geography
		Practical Fashion		Modern Studies	Design Manufacture	Business Man	HFT
		Physical Education			Engineering Science	Chemistry	History
					HFT	Computer Games Dev	Media Studies
						Computing	Modern Studies
						Design Manufacture	Music
						Drama	Physics
					Physical Education		

Draft

What does this mean for qualifications?

- This will allow most young people to attain eight qualifications at the level most appropriate to their ability by the end of S4.
- Pupils will then progress to the most appropriate courses as they narrow further to 5 courses in S5.
- In addition to attaining any subject specific grades, ALL of our degree programmes require applicants to have a **broad** range of qualifications – *GU website*

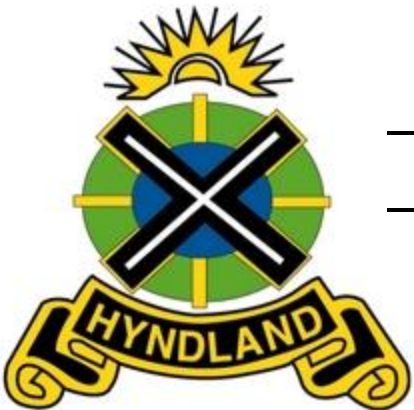


I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

Wider Achievement in school

Hyndland Secondary has vast and varied opportunities for young people to be involved in the life of the school.

- Pupil Councils, House Captains & School Captains
- Sports Clubs
- Fundraising
- Mentor – supporting learners in subjects
- Ambassadors – representing the school in sports, STEM, Digital Literacy etc
- School Clubs – film, languages, STEM
- And many more



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS

SPERO MELIORA

Mr Carstairs
Pastoral Care Team



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

S3 Profile – Focus on Skills



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

Some DOs and DON'Ts

What you should do:

- Remember that you are choosing a course that you will study through until the end of S4
- Choose a BALANCED timetable. You **must** have a range of different types of subjects.
- Listen to advice from your teachers, your parents, and Skills Development Scotland.



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

- Pay attention to your S2 Report. Play to your strengths and choose subjects you have an aptitude for.
- Consider also how much you ENJOY a subject. You should enjoy learning!
- Remember to think about what you may wish to do in Fifth and Sixth Year



What you should not do:

- Don't narrow your curriculum e.g. Choose three Sciences or three Social Subjects. You can access the third subject in S6
- Don't base your decision on friends choices – you have different talents! Classes are mixed so you may not be together.
- Don't choose a subject just because you like (or dislike) the teacher. You may have a different teacher next session.
- Don't give up a subject without finding out whether or not you may need it for a specific career you intend to pursue.



HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

Pastoral Care Teachers

2L1	Lomond House	Mrs Pollock & Mr Squire
2L2	Lomond House	Mrs Pollock & Mr Squire
2R	Rannoch House	Mrs Mills & Ms Ahmed
2K1	Katrine House	Mrs Ritchie & Mr Byrne
2K2	Katrine House	Mrs Ritchie & Mr Byrne
2T	Torridon House	Mr Carstairs & Mrs Mitchell



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS

SPERO MELIORA

The story so far...

- Interim Reports - December 2018
- Self Evaluation: Target Setting
Strengths/Areas for Development
- PSE Support
- Pupils registered with 'My World of Work'
- Presentations from PTs on subjects and pathways



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS

SPERO MELIORA

continued....

- S2 Careers Event – Monday 18th Feb 2019
- Research on specific professions/courses and specific entry requirements
- General research on areas of interest
- Contact and input from the Careers

Adviser



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS

SPERO MELIORA

Next Steps.....

- Mock options forms week beginning 25th February 2019
- Course Choice Booklet issued to each pupil
- S2 Reports issued mid March 2019
- Further discussion in class and at home
- S2 Parents' Evening - Wednesday 17th April 2019
- Course Choice Interviews – Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th April 2019



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

Who Can I Ask for Advice?

- Pastoral Care Staff and Personal Support Tutors
- Careers Adviser
- Subject Teachers
- Senior Leadership Team
- Mentors
- Parents/carers
- Family



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

Useful Websites

- Planitplus - Learning Zone
- Mappit - Apprenticeships/Training
- WorkIt - Employment
- My World of Work – Wide range of support



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA

SPERO MELIORA

I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS

Ms Vanessa Kokota

Skills Development Scotland



“To live is to choose. But to choose well, you must know who you are, and what you stand for, where you want to go and why you want to go there.”

Kofi Annan

Nobel Peace Prize Winner 2001



I HOPE FOR BETTER THINGS
SPERO MELIORA