

Welcome to our Senior Phase Options Information Evening

Thursday 7th March 2024

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Overview of evening:

- Welcome – Mrs Edgerton Head Teacher
- The Choices Process – Mrs Forrester DHT
- Pastoral Care Support – Mr Carstairs PTPC

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Mrs Forrester

Depute Head Teacher

S4 / S5

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Expectations of the Senior School

- Full timetable - S5 student study 5 subjects and S6 study 4 subjects.
- Excellent attendance and timekeeping.
- Work ethic and positive attitude towards studies.
- Realisation of the jump in demand from National 5 to Higher courses.
- Homework deadlines will be met.
- Importance of acting as a role model at all times.

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S4: 8 subjects (National 4 and National 5)

- National 4 – internally assessed no external SQA examination
- National 5 – some internal assessments, some coursework assessed by the SQA and external SQA examination

S5: 5 subjects (National 5 and Higher)

- National 5 and Higher levels have some internal assessments, some coursework assessed by the SQA & an external SQA examination

S6: 4 subjects (Higher and Advanced Higher)

- Higher & Advanced Higher levels have some internal assessments, some coursework assessed by the SQA and an external SQA examination

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Learner Pathways – Learner 1

S4	Nat 5 English	Nat 5 Maths	Nat 5 Chemistry	Nat 5 Physics	Nat 5 History	Nat 5 Music	Nat 5 Computing	Nat 5 Media
S5	Higher English		Higher Maths	Higher Chemistry	Higher Physics		Higher Music	
S6	Advanced Higher Physics		Advanced Higher Chemistry		Advanced Higher Maths		Higher Photography (crash Higher)	

Learner Pathways – Learner 2

S4	Nat 5 English	Nat 4 Maths	Nat 4 Music	Nat 4 Design & Manufact	Nat 5 French	Nat 5 Biology	Nat 4 Chemistry	Nat 5 PE
S5	Higher English		Higher PE	National 5 Lab Skills		National 5 Application of Maths		National 5 Practical Woodwork
S6	Higher Design and Manufacture		Sports Leadership – level 5/6		Higher Politics (crash Higher)		National 5 Practical Cookery	

Learner Pathways – Learner 3

S4	Nat 4 English	Nat 4 Maths	Nat 4 Drama	Nat 4 French	Nat 4 Geography	Nat 5 PE	Nat 4 History	Nat 4 Art & Design	
S5	National 5 English		National 5 Application of Maths		Higher PE		National 5 Art & Design		National 5 Travel and Tourism
S6	Higher English		Higher Art & Design			National 5 Lab Skills		Senior Phase College Course Level 5 – Car Mechanics	

The Senior Phase Options Process - Timeline



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Event	Date
S4 and S5 Options Information Booklet issued to students via Year Group Team – this will contain detailed advice on course content and assessment arrangements for all courses in S5/6	Issued to family's week beginning 11 th March 2024 via the year group team
Skills Development Scotland will conduct one-to-one interviews with targeted young people . If anyone wishes an interview, they can request one by either popping into the Careers Office in the school library or scanning the QR code below.	These will take place from Tuesday 8 th March onwards – appointments will be given to students targeted
S4 and S5 Options Information Evening in the Airlie Theatre	Thursday 7 th March starting at 5.45pm
S4 Tracking report	Issued to families during week of 11 th March 2024
Careers Event in the Games Hall – Open to all S2, S4 and S5 families – a range of employers will be in attendance to offer advice on careers on a drop-in basis	Thursday 14 th March 2024 – 5.30pm until 7.00pm
S4 and S5 Options Presentation to students delivered by Pastoral Care and Senior Leadership Team via Assemblies	Week beginning 18 th March 2024
Final S4 and S5 report issued – contains final estimate grades for the SQA	Week of 15 th April 2024
Final Options on glow form to be submitted electronically	Wednesday 17th April 2024 – form to be submitted by 6pm.

Over the coming week ahead:

OPTIONS BOOKLET

- Looking over the course description booklet that will be posted on the year group team.
- The link will be emailed home to families during the week of 11th March.
- This will be posted in the S4/5 Year Group Sections of the school website.
- It is vital that young people take time to read over this carefully with their families.

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Over the coming week ahead:

S4 FINAL TRACKING REPORT – ISSUED WEEK OF 18.3.24

S5/6 FINAL ESTIMATE REPORT – ISSUED WEEK OF 15.4.24

- Use this report to identify your best subjects – this should support S4 in picking their 5 best subjects.
- For current S5 students – look at their strengths and number of qualifications they are on track to secure to help inform decisions for S6 subjects, as well as prior attainment from S4.

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Assemblies delivered to S4/S5:

- During the week of 18th March staff will deliver an options assembly to S4 students with key advice on choosing subjects.
- On Monday 18th March S5 students will attend an assembly during PSE.
- Both presentations will be available on the year group teams and school website – and should be referred to when selecting subjects.

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Wednesday 17th April 2024

- This is the deadline for the final S5 and S6 Options Form to be completed.
- This will be submitted via a glow form.
- This is NOT a draft as we will base our school timetable and classes on the numbers collected from this.
- The form will be emailed to families and posted on the year group team.

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Key Advice for S4 and S5 students when choosing subjects:

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1. S4 into S5 - Always Choose your 'Five Best'

- Look at the most recent tracking report - what subjects are the strongest? Where is the learner achieving the highest grades?
- Every year we see students thriving when they have selected from their strongest National 5 qualifications.
- For the MAJORITY of students in S4, our expectation is that they choose the five strongest subjects from S4.

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2. Do I have to study English in S5/6?

- **Every learner should aim to secure a minimum of National 5 in English by the end of S5** – so if you did N4 English in S5 you must study National 5 in S5.
- **Most learners will go onto study H English** (if they achieve a minimum of a C at N5) in S5 as this tends to be an entry requirement for a lot of places of employment following graduation. Some university and college courses will request this.
- However some students may wish to do this in S6 if not one of their ‘five best’ e.g. EAL learners.

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3. Do I have to study Maths in S5/S6?

- Every learner should aim to secure a minimum of National 5 Maths or Application of Maths by the END OF S6.
- If you are studying National 4 Maths in S4 you should consider studying National 5 in S5 (**UNLESS YOU ARE AIMING TO SECURE 5 HIGHERS IN OTHER SUBJECTS**).
- If you are currently N4 Maths, N5 Application of Maths is the best route for you to study in S5.
- If you are in S5 and haven't already secured N5 Maths – aim to do this in S6.

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4. How many Higher subjects should I sit?

- Your aim is to sit as many Highers in S5 as possible (Universities refer to this as ‘one sitting’ or ‘first sitting’).
- **This is why it is so important that you play to your strengths in S5 and choose your FIVE BEST from S4.**
- If you are in S5, you should select some additional Highers in S6 – either subjects you studied in S4 or brand new crash Higher subjects – but again play to strengths – if literacy is a strength, do subjects that are heavy literacy based.

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5. Can I 'crash' any subjects in S5/S6?

- The quickest answer for S5 is NO but a few exceptions.
- You are not able to select any crash Higher subjects in S5.
- If you studied N4 Sciences in S4, you can select N5 Lab Skills.
- If you studied N4 Social Subjects in S4, you can select N5 Travel and Tourism.
- If you are mostly studying N5 levels, you may chose Practical Cookery in S5.



6. Can I study a Part Time College Course in S5/S6?

- We would suggest that the majority of S5 do **NOT** study the part-time college courses and leave this to S6.
- For some students a N5 college course may be a good option – but this **MUST** be discussed with your Pastoral Care Teacher or House DHT in the first instance.
- Information now on the year group teams regarding deadlines for applying for these.

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Adding Value in S6

- One of the most important things to consider for S6 is that you are significantly adding value to the qualifications you have already secured in S4/S5.
- You **MUST** be prepared and committed to **adding value** by securing a **minimum of four qualifications in S6**.
- Otherwise, you will be making it much more difficult for yourself to secure a destination at the end of S6.

Two year Journey – S5 and S6

- Students have S5 and S6 to gain Highers and other qualifications.
- This is where research is key! A lot of students presume certain subjects are required for University e.g. Higher Maths! This is not ALWAYS the case for MANY courses!
- N5 Maths or N5 Applications of Maths is required for most BUT not always Higher.

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The role of Pastoral Care in supporting the options process – Mr Carstairs

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Where our learners go when they leave Hyndland Secondary School:

Session 2022-2023

- 67% Higher Education
- 19% Further Education
- 3% Training
- 9% Employment
- 2% Other course e.g. personal development/ employability

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Supporting our learners to be successful:

POSITIVE AND SUSTAINED DESTINATIONS – AUGUST 2023 LEAVERS

- **100%** of our leavers from June 2023 were in a positive destination in October 2023.
- In the March follow up of leavers – Hyndland Secondary was **top in Glasgow City Council** with almost all of our leavers in a positive and SUSTAINED destination.

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The Options Process – getting it right

- Research is the key!
- www.planitplus.net
- www.myworldofwork.co.uk
- Seek Advice – Pastoral Care Teacher
- School Careers Advisor – Vanessa Kokota
- DYW Coordinator – Ms Cusick
- University / College & Apprenticeship Websites
- Subject teachers
- Speak to family members / family friends

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Research for S6 Options is vital

- We are basing our school timetable upon the options that you ask for in April.
- Therefore it is **VITAL** that you do your research **NOW**.
- It may not be possible to select a different subject in August because you have noticed it is an entry requirement for a course you wish to study.
- Look at University and College entrance requirements **NOW** in order to ensure you are making the right decisions.

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Should I sit Advanced Highers in S6?

- We would suggest that you discuss this with your House Team as it very much depends on the subject and each young person.
- The majority of courses do not require Advanced Higher for entry level although for the most competitive courses these are either required or can be an advantage.
- Advanced Higher courses being delivered in the school next session is currently under review.
- The nature of the AH courses involves a high level of independent work and may be offered on a reduced delivery time e.g four periods per week.

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Course Choice Interviews

- These will take place in late May due SQA exam leave.
- Purpose is to ensure that learners have selected their 'best five' subjects to study in S5.
- Pastoral Care will look at tracking data and discuss this with student.
- Expectation is that student comes prepared for this interview – e.g. they have researched courses and understand the reasons for choosing each subject.
- Parental contact will be made if our recommendations are different.

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