

Hyndland Secondary School

S2 Course Choice
Assembly for Students –
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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%.



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Curricular Areas

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



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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.



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Compulsory Subjects

English

Maths

RME

PE

PSE



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Senior Phase Qualifications – S4

- English and Maths + 6 Choices

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



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What to Choose!

Expressive Arts – choose one

- Art & Design
- Drama
- Music
- Practical Cookery
- PE
- Dance



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What to choose

Sciences – choose one

- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology



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What to choose

Social Studies – choose one

- Business Management
- History
- Modern Studies
- Geography



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What to choose

Technology – choose one

- Admin & IT
- Computing
- Computer Games Development
- Design & Manufacture
- Engineering Science
- Fashion



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You now have two additional free choices

- Achieve
- Admin & IT
- Art & Design
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Computer Games
- Computing
- Design & Manufacture
- Drama
- Dance
- Engineering Science
- Geography
- Fashion
- French
- History
- Media
- Modern Studies
- Music
- Physics
- PE
- Spanish

Can I pick three Sciences?

- It is not advised to pick three subjects from any curricular area
- Pick your best two
- Take the third subject in S6



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Is Biology the easiest Science?

- There is a lot of vocabulary in Biology
- There is a lot of content to learn
- Do not pick Biology because you have been told it is the easiest Science – people are all different!



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Is Engineering Science easy?

- There is quite a lot of Maths in engineering Science.
- You should be working towards N5 Maths if you are taking N5 Engineering Science



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I want to do languages – there are none in the columns

- Pick a subject from each curricular area
- Pick French, Spanish or both as your free choices



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Can I do two Social Subjects?

- Pick a subject in each curricular area
- Pick a second social subject in the free choice column



Can I do PE and Core PE?

- Core PE is Practical activity and everyone takes Core PE
- N5 PE is different – there is a written assessment and a practical performance
- You will probably have to perform 2 sports.



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What will the form look like?

- You will complete a Glow form
- The subject choices will be in curricular areas (like the sheet you have been issued with today)
- You will choose one subject in each of the four curricular areas
- You will then pick 2 free choice subjects
- You choose 6 subjects
- You will do Maths & English to make 8 subjects in total



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