

Hyndland Secondary School

S4 Course Choices – Information Evening



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Format of the Evening

- Introductions and Welcome
- The Choices Process
- Pastoral Care Support – Mrs Pollock



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Why attendance matters in the Senior Phase

- The top performing 20% of S5 students had an average attendance of 97.49% whilst the bottom 20% had an average attendance of 73.98%.
- Those in S5 who are currently on course to pass 5 Higher awards in May had an average attendance of 96.87%.



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Mrs Forrester
Depute Head Teacher
S4



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- S4: 8 subjects (National 3, National 4 and National 5)
 - National 3 & 4 – internally assessed no external SQA examination
 - National 5 – internal assessments and external SQA examination (NOW IN SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS)
- S5: 5 subjects (National 4, National 5 and Higher)
 - National 5 and Higher levels have internal assessments, coursework assessed by the SQA and an external SQA examination (NOW IN SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS)
 - National 4 as above



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	

Learner Pathways – Learner 2

S4	Nat 5 English	Nat 4 Maths	Nat 4 Music	Nat 5 Physics	Nat 5 French	Nat 5 Biology	Nat 4 Chemistry	Nat 5 PE
S5	Higher English	Vocational Course – College		National 5 Music	Higher Physics		Higher French	
S6	Higher Music	Advanced Higher Physics			National 5 Chemistry		Higher Photography	

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	Personal Finance Maths – Level 4		Higher PE		National 5 Art & Design	College: National 4 Skills for work - Automotive	
S6	Higher English	Higher Art & Design			National 5 History		National 5 French	

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
- University / College & Apprenticeship Websites
- Subject teachers
- Speak to family members / family friends



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Where we are now.....

- Presentations by Mr Mullin (Senior Phase College Options and Vanessa Kokota (Careers Advisor)
- You are currently hearing from Principal Teachers via Teams and the use of voice recorded power points.
- You are also able to read through the course booklets on Teams.



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Choosing your 'Five Best' is key

- Think about your most recent tracking reports and home learning engagement report - what subjects you feel you do best in? What do you enjoy most?
- Every year we see students thriving when they have selected from their strongest National 5 qualifications.



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Remember not all subjects must be studied in S5

- 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 is required for most BUT not always Higher.



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Senior Phase College Options

- Mr Mullin provided information about these courses available in S5 – see website & S4 Team.
- Aimed at students on track to study **between 1-3 Highers in S5**. Available to study in S6 too.
- Courses are studied Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (Column B on option form and timetable).
- Lots of practical courses available – **31st March application deadline**.



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Summary of key points

- ALL students in S5 are expected to study a full timetable of 5 subjects.
- No crash subjects – should be choosing progression routes from N4 and N5 courses studied in S4.
- Deadline for part-time college options is 31st March – see Mr Mullin asap if you wish to apply.
- **Keep a close eye on year group Team! Take time to read all information posted.**



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Pastoral Care Team



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Who Can I Ask for Advice?

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



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Useful Websites

- Planitplus - Learning Zone
- Mappit - Apprenticeships/Training
- WorkIt - Employment
- My World of Work – Wide range of support
- School website www.Hyndland-sec.Glasgow.sch.uk
tonight's presentation will be posted here.



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Supporting well-being during lockdown

- School website – lots of signposts to materials including Sleep Scotland and Headspace.
- Be kind to yourself – it is ok not to be ok!
- We are very proud of how our young people are adapting to home learning so take time to praise them / yourself.



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I will not
worry about
things I can't
control

@youngscot



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“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



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