

Hyndland Secondary School



S4 into S5 Options Information Guidance Leaflet for students & families



March 2022

Dear S4 families,

We thought it may be helpful at this stage to provide a short leaflet for both our S4 learners and their families which will give a short overview of the Options Process to date and what the next steps are between now and June 2022.

The S4 into S5 subject choice process is an extremely important step that on our learners' journey at school – if young people select the subjects appropriate for them, based upon their strengths in S4, they are more likely to enjoy their courses and in turn achieve well. Research is also vital as young people make these important decisions. There are a number of websites which are particularly helpful, that have been signposted in the information noted in this leaflet.

Please remember to contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher if you have any queries regarding the options process via email – they will be more than happy to help.



KEY DATES FOR S4 STUDENTS & FAMILIES

S4 and S5 SQA Estimate Report	Issued to families by Tuesday 19 th April 2022
Indication of S5 Subjects form to be completed via Glow Form. Please note that we realise this may be subject to some minor review following interview with PTPC and SQA exam results.	Tuesday 19 th April 2022 to Friday 22 nd April
Final day of current timetable – study leave, tutorials and SQA exams commence and a separate timetable will be provided for this.	Tuesday 26 th April
First timetabled SQA Exam	Wednesday 27 th April
All students in S4 will receive a 1-2-1 interview with a member of their House Team to discuss their options to ensure the correct choices have been selected. Young people will be notified by email of their appointment time via Glow.	Tuesday 24 th and Wednesday 25 th May 2022
New S5 Induction – students will be invited into school in House Groups for a 2 period induction session – this will be communicated to families and posted on the S4 year group team.	Tuesday 31 st May 2022
New Timetable begins – students start their new S5 courses	Monday 6 th June 2022
SQA Exam Results are issued to learners	Tuesday 9 th August 2022
Re-coursing calls / interviews will be made to students via Pastoral Care Team – Students book a call by completing glow form which will be emailed to families and posted on the year group team on Monday 8th August.	Wednesday 10 th August 2022

WHERE CAN PARENTS AND S4 LEARNERS ACCESS INFORMATION REGARDING THE S5 OPTIONS PROCESS?

SCHOOL WEBSITE – www.hyndland-sec.glasgow.sch.uk - Select the S4 year group section on menu

- * Options Information Evening presentation – held via Teams on Thursday 17th March
- * S5/S6 Options Information Booklet – this contains descriptions of each course available in S5.

S4 YEAR GROUP TEAM – THIS CAN BE ACCESSED VIA YOUR YOUNG PERSON'S GLOW ACCOUNT

- * Presentations above are all posted on the S4 Year Group Team
- * In the files section (S4 into S5 Options 2022 folder) presentations will be posted here from Principal Teachers about the subjects on offer in their departments in S5.

WHAT WILL THE S5 OPTION FORM LOOK LIKE?

The electronic S4 into S5 Options Form **must be submitted no later than Friday 22nd April** – the form will be made live to families on Monday 18th April. This will be a glow form – the link will be emailed to families and posted on the S4 year group team.

The Option Form will be a series of questions – it will ask learners to select 5 courses.

The Option Form does not involve columns i.e. only certain subject combinations in each column – the glow form is essentially a 'free choice' where we are simply asking our young people to select the 5 courses they wish to study in S5.

WHAT CAN I DO TO SUPPORT MY YOUNG PERSON IN THE OPTIONS PROCESS?

- * Encourage them to read over the S5 Options Booklet including the course descriptions for each subject so that they know what is involved in the courses they are planning to select for S5.
- * Remind them of the importance of following the advice on the next page of this leaflet – particularly selecting the 'five best' subjects from S4.
- * Encourage them to do research into careers by using the 'My World of Work' website and by speaking to the school's Career Advisor if they are unsure of career pathways.
- * Remind them to stay calm during this process – whilst this is a very big decision to make – it is important to remember this is a 2-year journey and they can always pick up new subjects / additional Higher qualifications in S6 if they do change their mind about their careers.

STEPS TO SUCCESS – SOME KEY ADVICE TO S4 LEARNERS & FAMILIES:

STEP 1 - Choosing your top 5 subjects is the key to success in S5!

*In S5, students are not allowed to 'crash' any subjects. This means you cannot pick up new subjects not studied in S4.

*It is vital that you play to your strengths in S5 – you should always choose your top 5 subjects.

STEP 2 – Think about what level of Maths and English you want to achieve in S5

*In S5 there are no subjects that you MUST continue with - 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 S4 you should choose N5 in S5. Most learners will go onto study H English in S5 as this is an entry requirement for most College and Universities.

*With regards to Maths – we would strongly suggest if you have not passed N5 Maths in S4 and are looking at higher courses in S5 that you DO NOT sit N5 Maths in S5 – focus on your 5 best Highers and then pick Maths up again in S6!

*Unless you are passing N5 Maths at grade A or B, we would suggest again focusing on your best Higher subjects in S5, you can always pick up Higher Maths in S6 if you really want to study this course!

STEP 3 – Remember that you need a full timetable in S5

*Remember EVERY S5 learner must study a full timetable i.e. select a subject in all five columns of the timetable – this is not negotiable.

*Try to secure as many Higher qualifications as you can in S5 – this is why playing to your strengths and choosing your 'best 5' is so important.

*We would not recommend repeating courses from S4 into S5 (with the exception of N5 English).


STEP 4 – Do not get stressed or anxious about this process!

*It is important to remember that you have two years (S5 AND S6) to secure your qualifications required for College / University / Training / Employment – therefore try not to worry about changing your mind about career pathways.

*It is normal for many S4 into S5 students to be undecided about their career pathway at this point!

*If you do decide on a different career pathway during S5 – you will be able to select additional / new courses in S6.

USEFUL WEBSITES / CONTACT DETAILS FOR FAMILIES TO SUPPORT THE OPTIONS PROCESS



Katrine House

Lomond House

Rannoch House

Torridon House

Pastoral Care: Mr Squire
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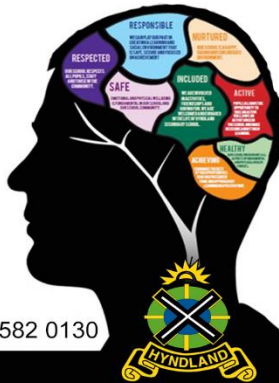
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Hyndland Houses

As a school we know the importance of building healthy and reliable relationships. We want to make sure our families know who to contact when they need help and support. Please use these contacts in the first instance when making contact with the school. Thank you



Ph: 0141 582 0130

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SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND – SCHOOL CAREERS ADVISORS:

Katrine and Torridon House Students – Vanessa Kokota

Email: Vanessa.Kokota@sds.co.uk OR gw21kokotavanessa@glow.org.uk

Lomond and Rannoch House Students – Nicky Mearns

Email: Nicola.Mearns@sds.co.uk OR gw20mearnsnicola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Drop in session for Carers Advisors – Monday to Friday during lunchtime in the school library – any student can pop in to speak to the Careers Advisors then and/or make a further appointment by dropping in at this time.

Miss Kathleen Cusick is our Developing Young Workforce Coordinator – she can also help to assist students with general careers enquiries – Miss Cusick can be found in the Pupil Support Area.