



S5 Subject Choice Guidance – Session 2021-2022



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.

Are there any subjects that I have to study in S5?

- *The quick answer is no – 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 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!

Science progression in S5

- *If you sat N4 Biology, Chemistry or Physics in S4, and want to progress with Science in S5 you should choose either National 5 Lab Skills or National 5 Health Sector. This will then allow you to look at a Higher Science course in S6.

What information should I look at before making my subject choices?

- * Listen to the presentations by PTs and read the course descriptors for each subject in the S4 year group team so that you know what is required and what you will study in each course.
- * Look at entry requirements in advance for University and College courses that you may wish to consider studying beyond S6 – are they asking for particular subjects or numbers of Highers as entry requirements?
- * Remember to speak to Vanessa, our Careers Advisor, if you wish guidance or advice – she can be contacted via email on glow at gw20kokotasdsvanessa@glow.sch.uk

What else should I consider when making my choices for 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 grade 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).

What do I need to do now?

- * Discuss your proposed option choices with your family and look carefully at your ‘top 5’ recommendations that the school has provided. This is what we think would be the best options for you in S5.
- * Use the information provided here along to complete the glow form that will be emailed to both you and your family. Remember this is the information that we will use to create our school timetable – this is not a practice option form!
- *Your option form (via the glow form) must be submitted by **Wednesday 28th April 2021.**