

# S5/6 SENIOR PHASE COURSE CHOICE FORM - ADVICE

Over the coming weeks, students in S4 and S5 will make their subject choices for next session. In preparation for this, please take the opportunity to talk to your child about what different pathways are open to them and what subjects would help them achieve the best results possible.

- Students must pick a reserve choice
- Students should write down their career aspiration on the form to allow us to check that they are taking the correct range of subjects

## **New S5 Students:**

- Students moving into S5 will have a full timetable
- In addition to their subjects, students will have Personal and Social Education (PSE), which will offer study skills advice and help with future planning, and Personal Development (PD) which will give them a valuable Level 6 qualification
- Students choosing 5 Highers will not need to choose any other subjects
- Any student sitting National 5s or SCQF Subjects in S5 will be required to choose 2 short courses from a selection available for each N5 selected. This will ensure that they have a full timetable and will maximise the number of qualifications they will achieve.
- Students moving into S6 will be expected to choose a minimum of 4 subjects
- In addition to their subjects, students will have Personal and Social Education (PSE) on their timetable to support UCAS/College applications
- Students will also have the opportunity to add to their CV or UCAS application by taking part in volunteering

## **Additional Advice:**

Students currently in S4 should think about the subjects they are strongest in to maximise their chances of success. Think about:

- Tracking reports
- Prelim results
- Students thinking about a pathway to University should have 5 Highers, or as close to 5 Highers as possible in S5 to ensure that they meet minimum entry requirements. Entry to many courses is highly competitive and the more Highers you have on first sitting, the greater your chance of an offer!
- Look at University entry requirements/College entry requirements if Further or Higher education is a pathway you are considering
- 'Ambition' is one of our school values and we would urge all of our students to be as ambitious as possible when choosing their subjects
- If you 'start a course' you should 'finish a course'!

**Students currently in S4 will have the opportunity to have a 1:1 meeting with their parent/carers and a member of the Senior Management Team or their HOH.**

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**Students currently in S5 will be called down to the Assembly Hall where a member of the Senior Management Team, along with their Head of House, will help them make their choices. They will then bring a copy of their form home for a parent/carer to check and sign.**

**If any changes to the initial choices are made at home, please make sure they are clear and signed by a parent/carer next to the change.**

### **West Academies Collaborative HUB**

This session some Highers will be available through our West Academies Collaborative HUB. This will be an in-person delivery for two double periods on a Monday/Wednesday afternoon at either Armadale Academy, Whitburn Academy, Bathgate Academy or St Kentigerns Academy. There will be an additional two periods per week allocated to self-study.

### **S6 West Lothian Virtual Academy Offering**

Each year, a number of Advanced Highers are offered through the West Lothian Virtual Academy. Please note that students should only apply for an Advanced Higher place if they are tracking as an A or B pass this session. Additionally, students wishing to take Advanced Higher PE must be playing sport at a National level to qualify for entry. Any student who is studying a Science will be given an 'in school mentor' to assist with practical work.

**If they choose, and are granted, a place in the Virtual Academy, students will be expected to:**

- Join 2 periods of 'live' learning via Microsoft Teams (either Tuesday or Thursday afternoon depending on the course). Attendance will be monitored at this with students at risk of being dropped from the course if have consistently poor attendance.
- Keep their cameras on and participate during the lessons
- Use 'non-contact or free periods for self-study and as time to complete work set by the class teacher
- Attend in-person taught tutorials at a central location at least once per term (transport will be provided)

**Parents/Carers will receive:**

- 3 tracking updates throughout the year
- 1 Parents' evening

Mrs McGee (DHT Support and S6 Year Head) will liaise with the Virtual Academy team and be a point of contact ensuring that all ASN requirements are shared with the delivery school and that students are made aware of any updates.

**Courses offered for session 25/26 are as follows:**

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AH Biology
AH Business
AH Chemistry
AH Computing
AH Geography
AH History

AH Maths
AH PE
H Philosophy
AH Physics
AH RMPS

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## S5 Example 1 – all Highers

Levels	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
<b>N5s</b>	Modern Studies N5	Practical Woodwork N5	PE Games N5	Practical Electronics N5	Practical Metalwork N5
	S5/6 N5 English	S5/6 N5 Applications	College	S5/6 N5 Applications	History N5
<b>Skills for Work and SCQF L5</b>	Childcare (SfW) N5	Computer Games Design L5	Travel & Tourism (SfW) N5	Retail L5	Photography (SfW) L5
	Sport & Recreation (SfW) N5	Lab Skills (SfW) N5	Sport & Recreation (SfW) N5	Lab Skills (SfW) N5	Sport & Recreation (SfW) N5
	Travel & Tourism (SfW) N5				Childcare (SfW) N5
<b>Higher</b>	Maths	English	English	Applications of Maths	Computing Science
	Art & Design	Physics	Biology	Media	English
	Photography	Music	Photography	Art & Design	Chemistry
	History	Modern Studies	PE Games	Human Biology	History
	Geography	Maths	Admin & IT	Modern Studies	PE Aesthetics
	Design & Manufacture	French	Fashion & Textiles	Business Management	RMPS
	Accounts	Business Management	Graphics	Spanish	Maths
	Drama	Applications of Maths		English	
	Music Technology				
	English				
<b>SCQF Level 6</b>	Scientific Technology L6		Exercise, Fitness Leadership L6		Sports Coaching L6
<b>Additional Courses</b>	Employability HUB	Customer Service L6	College	Employability HUB	Statistics L6
	Study Class	Languages for Life & Work L5	PC Passport L5/6	Barista L5	Languages for Life & Work L5
		Study Class	Study Class	Study Class	Study Class
<b>CHOICES</b>	Art & Design	French	English	Media	History
<b>RESERVE</b>	Modern Studies				
<b>CAREER PLAN</b>	I want to study English Literature at university and go into public relations				

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## S5 Example 2 – mix of N5 and Higher

Levels	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
<b>N5s</b>	Modern Studies N5	Practical Woodwork N5	PE Games N5	Practical Electronics N5	Practical Metalwork N5
	S5/6 N5 English	S5/6 N5 Applications	College	S5/6 N5 Applications	History N5
<b>Skills for Work and SCQF L5</b>	Childcare (SfW) N5	Computer Games Design L5	Travel & Tourism (SfW) N5	Retail L5	Photography (SfW) L5
	Sport & Recreation (SfW) N5	Lab Skills (SfW) N5	Sport & Recreation (SfW) N5	Lab Skills (SfW) N5	Sport & Recreation (SfW) N5
	Travel & Tourism (SfW) N5				Childcare (SfW) N5
<b>Higher</b>	Maths	English	English	Applications of Maths	Computing Science
	Art & Design	Physics	Biology	Media	English
	Photography	Music	Photography	Art & Design	Chemistry
	History	Modern Studies	PE Games	Human Biology	History
	Geography	Maths	Admin & IT	Modern Studies	PE Aesthetics
	Design & Manufacture	French	Fashion & Textiles	Business Management	RMPS
	Accounts	Business Management	Graphics	Spanish	Maths
	Drama	Applications of Maths		English	
	Music Technology				
	English				
<b>SCQF Level 6</b>	Scientific Technology L6		Exercise, Fitness Leadership L6	Ref Development L7	Sports Coaching L6
<b>Additional Courses</b>	Employability HUB	Customer Service L6	College	Employability HUB	Statistics L6
	Study Class	Languages for Life & Work L5	PC Passport L5/6	Barista L5	Languages for Life & Work L5
		Study Class	Study Class	Study Class	Study Class
<b>CHOICES</b>	<i>S5/6 N5 English</i>	<i>S5/6 N5 Applications</i>	<i>PE Games</i>	<i>Ref Development</i>	<i>Computing</i>
<b>Additional</b>	<i>Study</i>	<i>Customer Service</i>		<i>Employability HUB</i>	
<b>RESERVE</b>	<i>Sports Coaching L6</i>				
<b>CAREER PLAN</b>	<i>I want to do something with sport at college</i>				

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## S6 Example

Levels	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
<b>N5s</b>	Modern Studies N5	Practical Woodwork N5	PE Games N5	N5 History	Practical Metalwork N5
	S5/6 N5 English	S5/6 N5 Applications	College	S5/6 N5 Applications	History N5
<b>Skills for Work and SCQF L5</b>	Childcare (SfW) N5	Computer Games Design L5	Travel & Tourism (SfW) N5	Retail L5	Photography (SfW) L5
	Sport & Recreation (SfW) N5	Lab Skills (SfW) N5	Sport & Recreation (SfW) N5	Lab Skills (SfW) N5	Sport & Recreation (SfW) N5
	Travel & Tourism (SfW) N5				Childcare (SfW) N5
<b>Higher</b>	English	English	English	English	English
	Maths	Physics	Biology	Applications of Maths	Computing Science
	Art & Design	Music	Photography	Media	Chemistry
	Photography	Modern Studies	PE Games	Art & Design	History
	History	Maths	Admin & IT	Human Biology	PE Aesthetics
	Geography	French	Fashion & Textiles	Modern Studies	RMPS
	Design & Manufacture	Business Management	Graphics	Business Management	Maths
	Accounts	Applications of Maths		Spanish	
	Drama				
	Music Technology				
<b>L6</b>	Scientific Technology L6		Exercise, Fitness Leadership L6		Sports Coaching L6
<b>Advanced Higher</b>	English AH	Music AH	Virtual Academy AH	Art & Design AH	History AH
	Biology AH	Modern Studies AH	LEAPS L7	Maths AH	
<b>CHOICES</b>	AH Biology		AH Chemistry (VA)	AH Maths	Volunteering
<b>RESERVE</b>					
<b>CAREER PLAN</b>	I am applying for Dentistry and would like to do both AH Biology and AH Chemistry				