S3 Course Choice Booklet



S2 into S3 Course Choice

The Coursing Process

Moving from S2 into S3 is a very important stage in your school life. You will begin to focus on the subjects that you not only enjoy the most but the ones that you are performing best in.

Each subject on offer has an information page within this booklet to help you select the best course for you.

It is important that you think of your subject choice as a two-year learning pathway – you will very likely continue your S3 course choices into S4 to give you the best chance of success in exams and beyond.

Your Head of House (Miss Linning, Mrs Hunter, Mr Yardley, Miss Stewart, Miss McNeill) will meet with you to discuss your progress and help you to make the best choice for S3.

Please discuss your choices with your parents and carers so that you are ready for your coursing meeting.

Your meeting will take place at some point during the following dates:

Monday 1st February - Friday 5th February

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

At the end of the meeting, your choices will be entered into our computer programme and printed off

You must ensure that you take your course choice home and have it signed by your parent or carer. It should then be returned to your Head of House.

Please think about your subject choices carefully and discuss these with your teachers and parents/carers

Subject Choices

In S3 you will continue to study English for four periods a week, Maths for four periods a week and French for 3 periods a week.

You will then choose a subject from each faculty listed below which you will study for three periods a week:

Expressive Arts
Health and Wellbeing
Science
Social Subjects
Technologies
Free Choice (mixture of subjects from different faculties)

In some cases it may be possible for you to do something different; for example you may do School of Football, two languages or three sciences. Your learning pathway will be discussed at your coursing meeting and it will then be decided what the best option is for you.

Personal and Social Education

You will continue to have PSE one period a week.

Physical Education (Core)

You will continue to have PE two periods a week. PE can also be taken as a subject choice.

Religious Education (Core)

You will continue to have RE one period a week.

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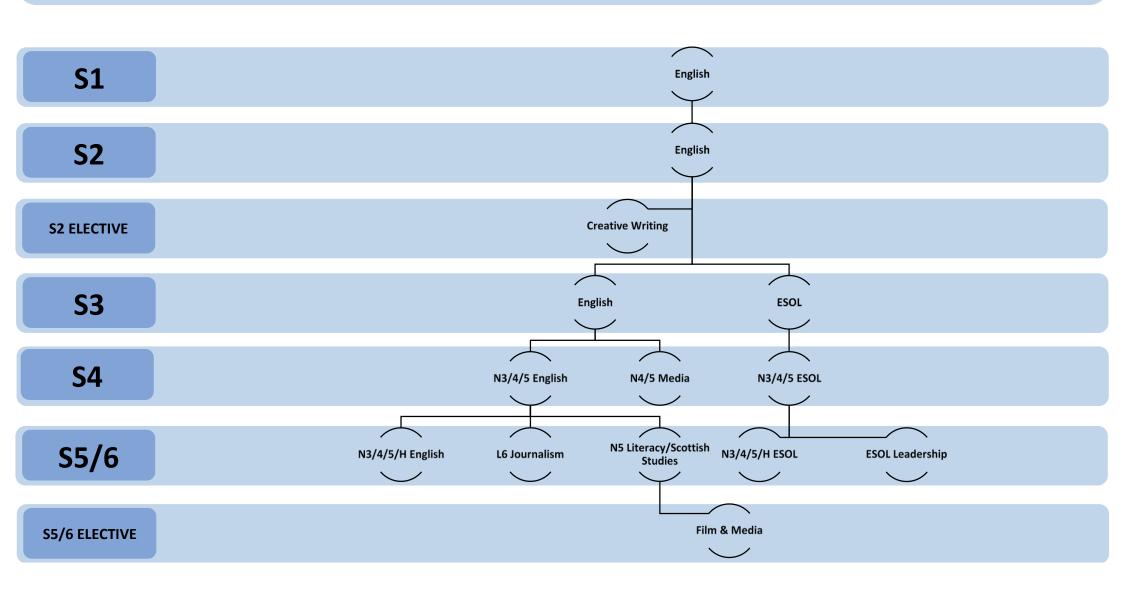
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English & Literacy Faculty Learner Pathway



English and Literacy



Course Name English

Course Description

In S3 English, pupils will be building upon the skills they have developed in S1/S2 English in order to prepare for their English qualification the following year. The course will involve:

- Reading and analysing novels, poems, articles and other texts
- Writing both creatively and critically
- Developing confidence with literacy

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 End of unit essays and assessments S3 English Prelim N3/4/5 qualification preparation 	 Encourage them to read at home (books can be borrowed from the school library) Watching and reading the news Discussion about texts they are studying in class 	Pupils would be expected to choose the following subjects: N3 English N4 English N5 English (If English is a second language, you can also take N3/N4/N5 ESOL)

Course Name: S3 ESOL

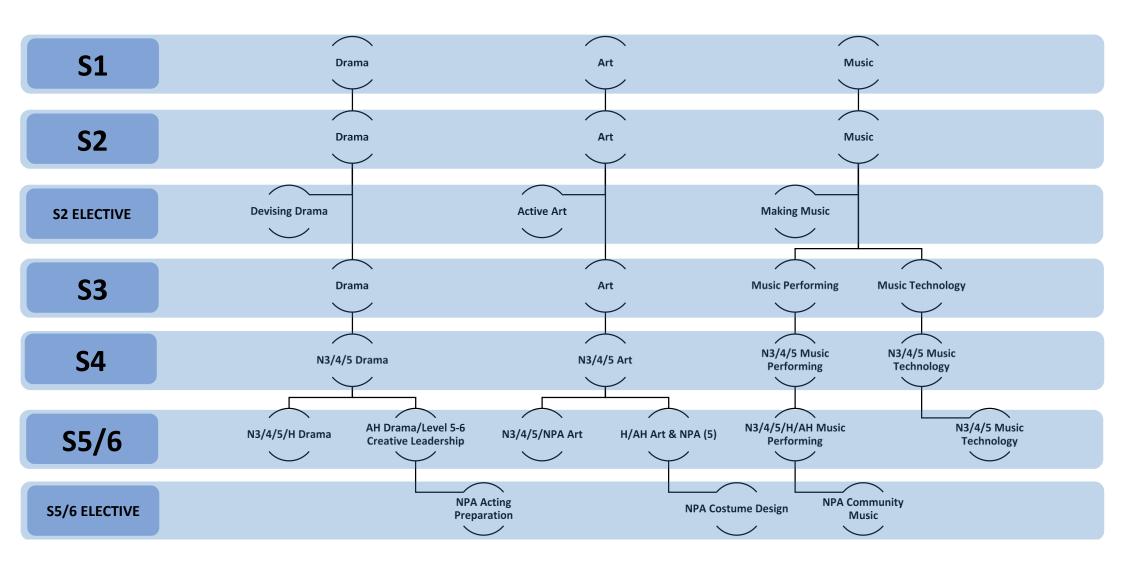
Course Description

In S3 ESOL, pupils will be building upon the skills they have developed in S1/S2 English in order to prepare for their ESOL qualification the following year. The course will involve:

- Reading and articles and other texts
- Writing both functionally and for everyday life
- Speaking and Listening skills will be developed
- Developing confidence with all areas of English

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
Regular Unit AssessmentsClass speaking and	Resources available to support your learner in this subject include:	Pupils would be expected to choose the following subjects:
listening activitiesRegular written homework assignments	 Access to curricular websites 	N3 ESOLN4 ESOL or EnglishN5 ESOL or English

Expressive Arts Faculty Learner Pathway



Expressive Arts



Course Name: Music Performing

Course Description

In **Music Performing** learners will develop performance skills on two instruments of their choice. They will be given the opportunity to receive free weekly instrumental lessons on one of these instruments by a visiting specialist. Learners will have three periods of music each week - one period listening to different styles of music, one period performing on their chosen instrument(s) and the third period composing their own music.

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
Theoretical and Practical:	Encourage your	National 3/4/5 Music
- Listening Questions	son/daughter to:	Performing
- Performing	Practice their chosen	
- Composition Tasks	instrument(s)	AND/OR
	Attend instrumental	
N3 Assessment Tasks	Music lessons	National 3/4/5 Music
S3 Exam Technique/Prelim	Complete homework	Technology
BGE Homework Challenge	Attend Music Club	
Class Showcase		

Course Name: Music Technology

Course Description

In **Music Technology** learners will work with the school's iMacs and iPads, using a variety of portable recording equipment to create work. Pupils will learn basic theory behind recording and explore the skills needed to produce simple recordings. Learners will develop these skills through a series of short projects *e.g.* producing a soundtrack for a short film/computer game, recording instrumental performances and producing a CD or creating a radio broadcast.

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
Theoretical and Practical:	Encourage your	National 3/4/5 Music
- Listening Questions	son/daughter to:	Performing
- Practical Projects	Experiment with Music	
	related APPs <i>e.g.</i>	AND/OR
N3 Assessment Tasks	GarageBand/LaunchPad	
S3 Exam Technique/Prelim	Complete homework	National 3/4/5 Music
BGE Homework Challenge	Attend Music Club	Technology

Expressive Arts



Course Name: Art and Design

Course Description

In **Art and Design** learners will develop their creative and practical skills, using materials/equipment to draw, paint, sculpt, collage etc. Learners will be encouraged to appreciate the work of professional artists and designers in order to develop their understanding of the social and cultural factors influencing art and design.

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
Theoretical and Practical: - Expressive Folio	Encourage your son/daughter to:	National 3/4/5 Art and Design
- Design Folio	Develop Art skills by	Design
N3 Assessment Tasks S3 Exam Technique/Prelim BGE Homework Challenge	keeping a sketchbook of ideasComplete homeworkAttend Art Club	

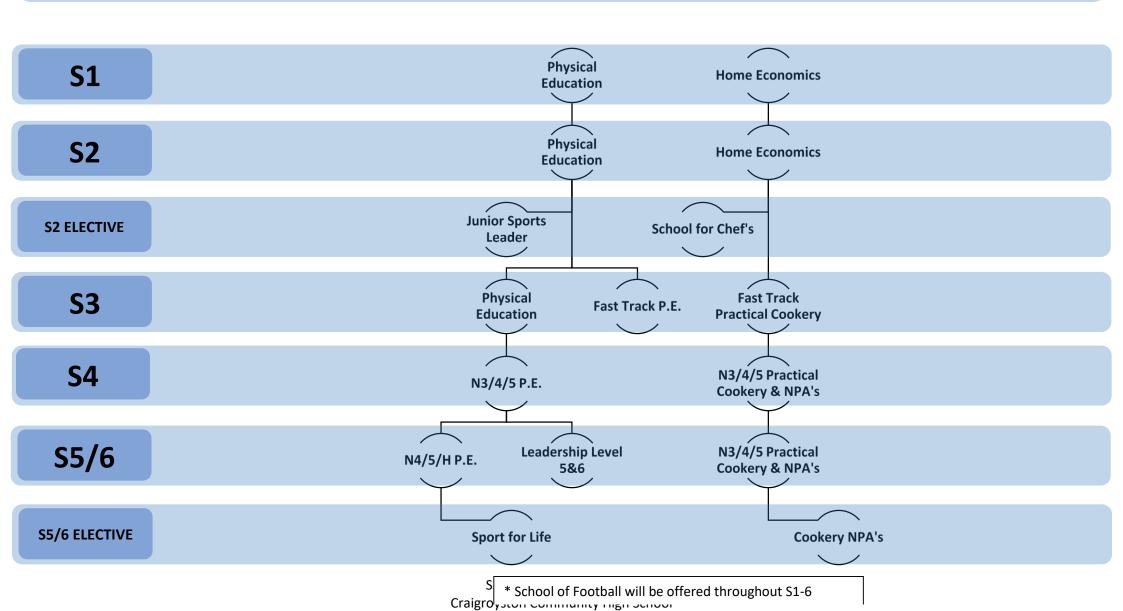
Course Name: Drama

Course Description

In **Drama** learners will explore all aspects of theatre including devising, acting from script, characterisation (voice/movement) and technical theatre (lighting, sound, props, costume, set, hair/makeup). During each unit learners will respond to stimuli to create, present and evaluate their dramatic work.

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
Theoretical and Practical: - Creating - Presenting - Evaluating	Encourage your son/daughter to: • Practice drama e.g. running lines of dialogue/script	National 3/4/5 Drama
N3 Assessment Tasks Booklet / Folio Tasks BGE Homework Challenge	Complete homework	

Health & Wellbeing Faculty Learner Pathway



Health & Wellbeing



Course Name

S3 School of Football

Course Description

In S3 School of Football, pupils will be building on the skills they have developed in S1/2 and apply these to achieve the National 3 Physical Education course.

The course will involve:

- Building on practical skills and performance in football.
- Developing knowledge and understanding of the factors that impact on performance in football.
- Completing both practical and written assessments for National 3 Physical Education.

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 End of block written assessments End of block practical assessments N3 qualification 	Resources available to support your learner in this subject include: • Encouraging completion of homework • Continued performance development in football/other activities	Pupils would be expected to choose the following subjects: N4 Physical Education N5 Physical Education Senior Phase SoF Elective Level 5/6 Leadership

Course Name: S3 Fast Track Physical Education

Course Description

In S3 Fast Track PE, pupils will be building on the skills they have developed in S1/2 and apply these to achieve the National 3 Physical Education course.

The course will involve:

- Building on practical skills and performance in a range of activities.
- Developing knowledge and understanding of the factors that impact on performance.
- Completing both practical and written assessments for National 3 Physical Education.

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 End of block written assessments End of block practical assessments N3 qualification 	Resources available to support your learner in this subject include: • Encouraging completion of homework • Continued performance development in football/other activities	Pupils would be expected to choose the following subjects: N4 Physical Education N5 Physical Education

Health & Wellbeing



Course Name: S3 Food Technology (previously known as Home Economics)

Course Description

This course is mostly practical in nature, allowing students to further develop the skills and knowledge learned in S2.

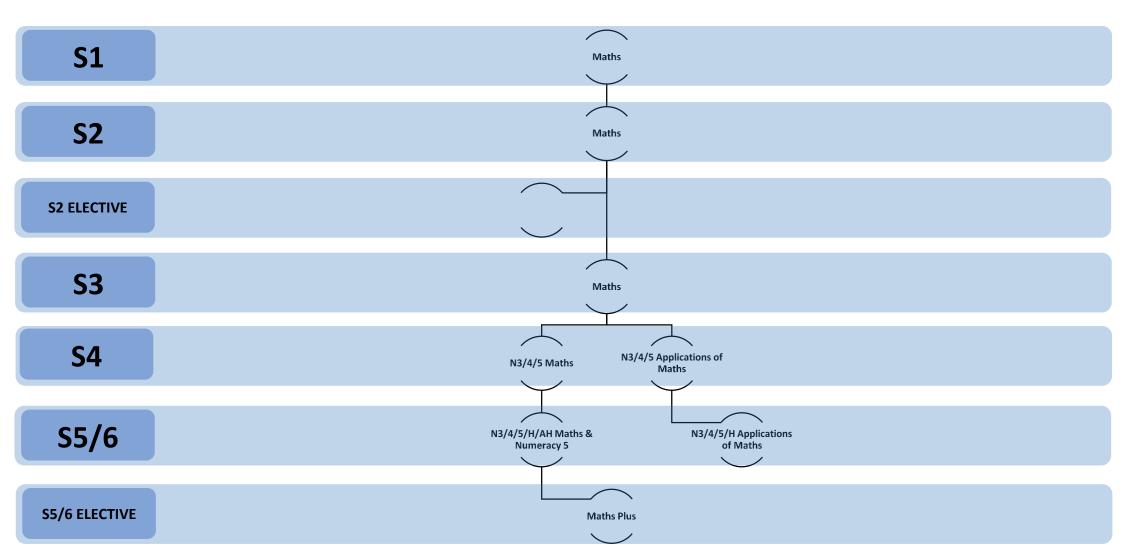
In S3 there will be more focus on cookery skills, hygiene knowledge and understanding and skills for work.

You will also learn basic planning, organisational and time management skills in relation to all areas.

This course would suit students who have an interest in Food Technology and will provide opportunities to build upon skills required for, certificated courses in senior phase such as Hospitality and Skills for Work.

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 End of topic tests Practical Assessment (December and May) N3/4 Qualification preparation There will also be regular homework tasks to consolidate learning. Most of the work will be practical and skills will be observed. This will ensure the standards required in unit assessments are met. 	 Practice cooking and preparing meals at home Complete all homework tasks given Revise for end of topic tests 	Students would be able to chose the following subjects in S4 Practical Cookery National 3 Or Practical Cookery National 4 Or Practical Cookery National 5. This can then progress to either Higher completed at College or SVQ Level 1 completed as a link course between college and school.

Maths & Numeracy Faculty Learner Pathway



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Mathematics & Numeracy



Course Name

Mathematics and Numeracy

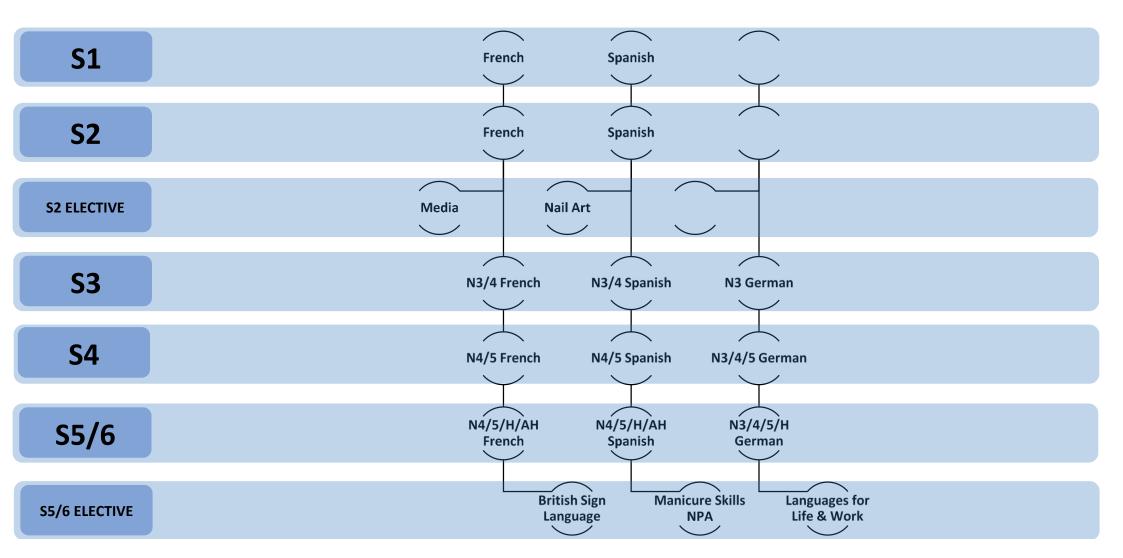
Course Description

In S3 Mathematics and Numeracy, pupils will be using the skills they have developed from S1/2 and further developing them. The course will involve:

- Development of Math and Numeracy skills
- Problem Solving
- Qualification based work

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 Weekly HL October Assessment S3 Prelim N3/4 Qualification preparation 	Resources available to support your learner in this subject include: Revision booklets Department study bank Study club	Pupils would be expected to choose the following subjects: Numeracy 4 Application of Maths 4 N4 Maths N5 Maths
	Study club	N5 Maths

Modern Languages Faculty Learner Pathway



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Modern Languages



Course Name Spanish

Course Description

In S3 Spanish, pupils will take the skills they learned in their weekly taster classes during S1 and S2 and begin to communicate on a variety of topics in Spanish.

The course involves:

- The 4 key skills of reading, listening, writing and talking
- Possible partnership working with a school in Madrid
- Cultural games, films and activities

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 Online homework tasks Short end of unit assessments leading to N3/N4 qualification at end of S3 	 Online apps and websites to help learn new words Online textbooks and activities Pupils' Office365 account Homework club 	Pupils would be able to take: - N4 Spanish - N5 Spanish

Course Name German

Course Description

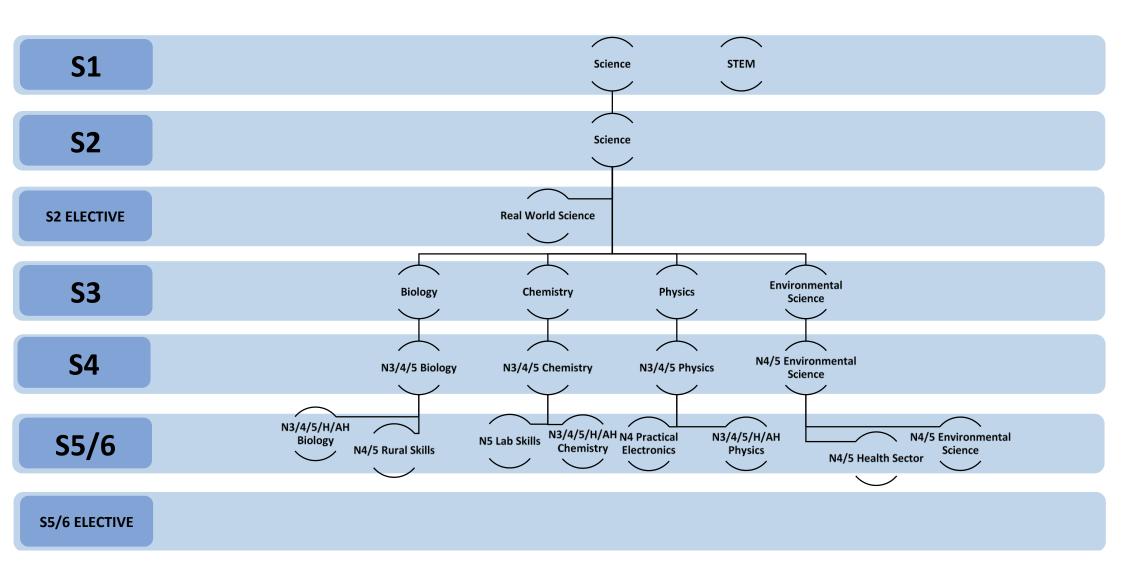
In S3 German you are able to pick up a new language from the very beginning! You will be able to communicate information about yourself and other people.

The course involves:

- The 4 key skills of reading, listening writing and talking
- Learning about World War II
- Cultural games, films and activities

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 Learning new words Short end of unit assessments that may lead to N3 qualification at end of S3 	 Online apps and websites to help learn new words Pupils' Office365 account Homework club 	Pupils would be able to take: - N3 German - N4 German - N5 German

Science Faculty Learner Pathway



Science



Course Name Chemistry

Course Description

In S3 Chemistry pupils will be using the knowledge and skills they have developed from S1/2 Science and applying them to more complex scenarios using a range of experiments and resources to further their understanding of chemicals and chemical processes.

- Development of practical skills including the use of a wide range of chemicals and apparatus
- Research tasks on several chemistry related topics
- Qualification based work

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 Regular homework End of topic tests S3 Prelim N3/N4 Qualification preparation 	Resources available to support your learner in this subject include: Course notes Study Support Sessions Online Resources Practical Experiments	Pupils would be expected to choose the following subjects: N3 Chemistry N4 Chemistry N5 Chemistry

Course Name Physics

Course Description

In S3 Physics students will be building on the knowledge and developing the skills they learnt in S1/S2 Science. The course consists of 3 units; Dynamics and Space, Electricity & Energy and Waves & Radiation. Each unit is made up of theory and practical based work relating to the contexts of everyday life.

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 Regular homework End of topic tests S3 Prelim N3/N4 Qualification preparation 	Resources available to support your learner in this subject include: Experimental work BBC bitesize	Pupils would be expected to choose the following subjects: N3 Physics N4 Physics N5 Physics

Science



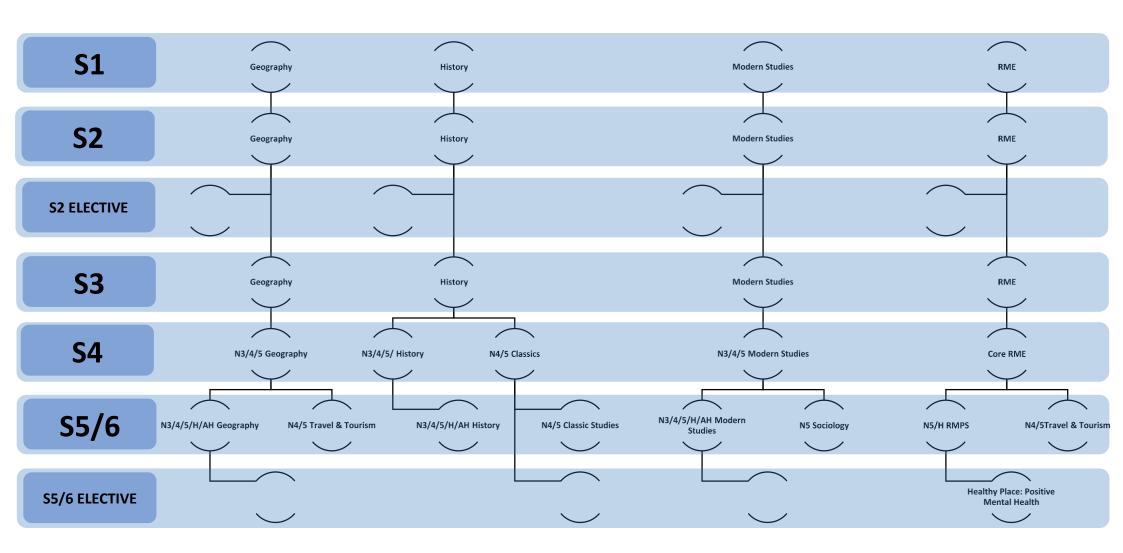
Course Name Biology

Course Description

In S3 Biology students will be building on the knowledge and developing the skills they learnt in S1/S2 Science. The course consists of 3 units: Cell Biology, Multicellular Organisms and Life on Earth. Each unit is made up of theory and practical based work relating to the contexts of everyday life.

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 Regular homework End of topic tests S3 Prelim N3/N4 Qualification preparation 	Resources available to support your learner in this subject include: Experimental work BBC bitesize	Pupils would be expected to choose the following subjects: N3 Biology N4 Biology N5 Biology

Social Subjects Faculty Learner Pathway



Social Subjects



Course Name Geography

Course Description

In S3 Geography pupils will focus on developing their understanding of the human and physical environments we live in and further develop awareness of global issues people and our planet face. The course will involve:

- Further develop understanding of people and place around the world
- Interactive learning opportunities e.g. green screen weather forecasting
- Field work activities e.g. Water of Leith river study
- National Qualification based work to prepare for S4

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 End of topic tests S3 Prelim N4-5 Qualification preparation 	Resources available to support your learner in this subject include:	Pupils would be expected to continue with the subject at one of the levels outlined below:
	Watch the news and/or listen to the radio to keep up to date on current events and broaden knowledge of the world	N4 GeographyN5 Geography

Course Name Modern Studies

Course Description

In S3 Modern Studies, pupils will be using the skills they have developed from S1/2 and apply them to gain a National 3 qualification, as well as begin and complete the first unit of the National 5. Units covered will be:

- Participation in Politics
- USA
- Crime and Law (National 5 level)

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 End of topic tests S3 Prelim N4-5 Qualification preparation 	Resources available to support your learner in this subject include:	Pupils would be expected to continue with the subject at one of the levels outlined below:
	 iPad and internet-based research Accompanying information booklet 	N4 Modern StudiesN5 Modern Studies

Social Subjects



Course Name History

Course Description

In S3 History pupils will further develop their skills including examining different sources, presenting my own opinions using evidence, detect bias and propaganda, determining fact from opinion and compare and contrast viewpoints. There are 4 units of study:

Native Americans

Study North American Indians with a focus on the life of the Sioux tribe.

Votes for Women

The fight for female suffrage by British women during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

Days that Shook the World

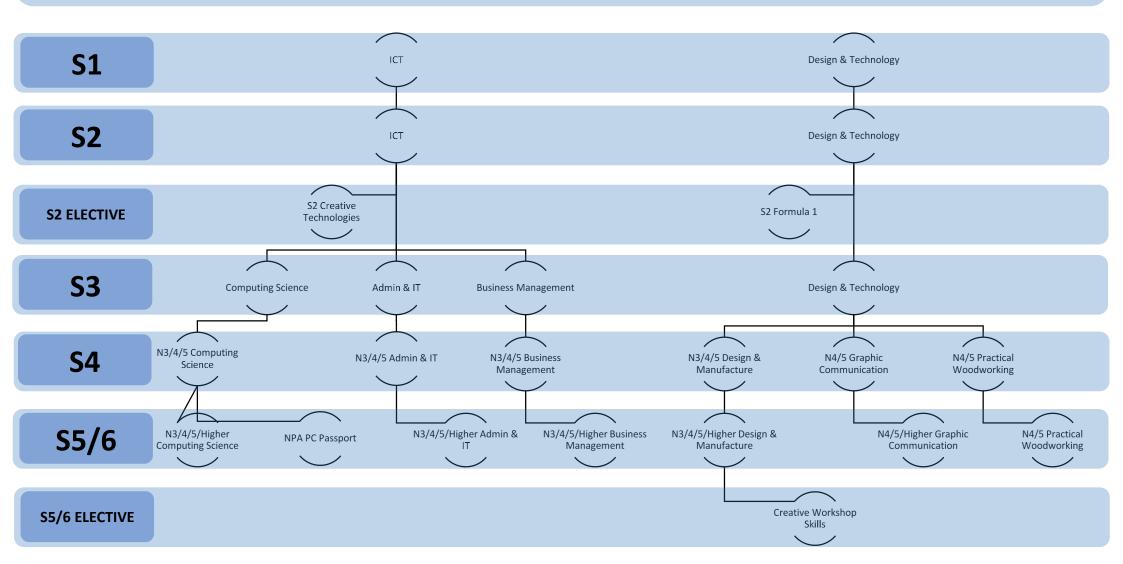
Study some of history's greatest events and the impact they had on society. E.g. the beheading of Mary Queen of Scots, Burke and Hare and the death of Princess Diana.

The Great War

I will gain knowledge of Scotland's part in the Great War 1914-1918. I will study the Western Front, The Home Front, Economy of Scotland and the Political Changes brought about by war

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 End of topic tests (x4) S3 Prelim N3-5 Qualification preparation 	Resources available to support your learner in this subject include: • Written worksheets and workbooks • Film footage • Board games	Pupils would be expected to choose the following subjects: N3 History N4 History N5 History

Technologies Faculty Learner Pathway



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Course Name

Administration & IT

Course Description

In S3 Admin & IT. Pupils will be using the skills they have developed from S1/2 ICT and apply them to more complex scenarios using each of the Microsoft packages. The course will involve:

- Development of further ICT skills (Microsoft Office)
- Project based scenario tasks
- Qualification based work

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 End of topic tests October Assessment S3 Prelim (ICT) N3/4 Qualification preparation 	Resources available to support your learner in this subject include: Regular use & practice with Microsoft Applications Use of pupils Office365 account	Pupils would be expected to choose the following subjects: N3 Admin & IT N4 Admin & IT N5 Admin & IT

Course Name

Business Management

Course Description

In S3 Business Management, pupils develop skills in how to run and operate a successful business. They will also learn about how a business is formed and operated successfully in today's everchanging market. Pupils will cover two topics:

- Understanding Business how different types of business are formed and deal with various internal and external factors.
- Marketing How a business creates and markets a successful product/service

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 Entrepreneur Report Business Plan End of topic tests October Assessment S3 Prelim (ICT) N3/4 Qualification preparation Business News Homework 	Resources available to support your learner in this subject include: Regular use of News websites to keep up to date with the latest business news events	Pupils would be expected to choose the following subjects: N3 Business Management N4 Business Management N5 Business Management

Technologies



Course Name

Computing Science

Course Description

You will use and develop skills gained in S1 & S2 ICT. You will mainly be learning from the following four areas:

- Programming
- Database Design
- Web Design
- Computer Systems

Α	ssessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
•	End of topic tests.	Online resources and	National 3/4/5 Computing
•	October assessment	interactive website.	Science
•	S3 prelim		
•	National 3/4 qualification preparation	Regular use and practice of skills at home if possible.	
	preparation	skills at nome it possible.	

Course Name: Design and Technology

Course Description

In S3 Design and Technology, Pupils will be using the skills they have developed from S1/2 Design and Technology in order to work towards gaining a N3 qualification.

The course will involve:

- CAD modelling
- Manual graphics
- Practical woodworking skills
- Design Tasks

Assessment & Homework	Supporting Your Learner	Progression in to S4
 Autumn Assessment S3 Prelim Final Portfolio and Model manufacture 	Due to the practical nature of the course, pupils will be expected to use some 'homelearning time' in the department at lunch or after school to ensure they get the maximum success from the course, you can support your learner by encouraging them to attend these sessions	Pupils would be expected to choose the following subjects: • N4/5 Design and Manufacture • N4/5 Graphic Communication • N4/5 Practical Woodworking