

S2 -> S3 Transition Parent Information Pathways 2024

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CfE Levels or Stages

Early	The pre-school years and P1, or later for some.
First	To the end of P4, but earlier or later for some.
Second	To the end of P7, but earlier or later for some.
Third and Fourth	S1 to S3: Broad General Education (BGE). Many pupils will be accessing Fourth level work in S3
Senior Phase	S4 to S6 (Senior Phase), in school and/or college or other means of study.



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Curriculum for Excellence Secondary Structure

- **S1 –S3:** Broad General Education
- Based on experiences and outcomes, level 2/ 3/ 4
- Progression...personalisation

- **S4-S6:** Senior Phase
- Focus on qualifications (not only SQA)
- Qualifications build on the experiences and outcomes of the BGE, levels 3 to 7

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Senior Phase Curriculum (S4-6)

- S1 & 2: **16** subjects (some on rota)
 - S3: **9 subjects** plus core PE, RMPS, PSHE
 - S4: **7 SQA** National 4/5 courses* to include English and Maths
 - S5: up to **5 SQA** Higher courses or combination N5/4
 - S6: usually up to **4** courses, combination can include AH/H/Nationals
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- Pupils will be able to pick up National 4 or 5 courses when they are in S5 or S6 to diversify their portfolio of qualifications
 - *Pupils may pick up other qualifications such as Volunteering Awards, College awards and Open University qualifications (Flexible pathways)



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S3 Personalisation and Choice

- Report received in December, Parents Evening 6th February
- Available options form
- Guidance staff & PSHE support process
- Faculties discussing available courses
- Banchory Academy Learner Pathways Website
- SDS Stuart Clark available for appointments
- **Online Choice form returned-09/02/24**



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Skills Development Scotland (SDS)

- SDS is the national skills body supporting people and businesses to develop and apply their skills
- Developing effective Career Management Skills will enable people to make informed career choices throughout their life.



Subject Choices tool

Discover jobs that might suit you based on your subject choices. Enter up to six school subjects including Foundation Apprenticeships.

Enter subject title

Accounting
Administration and Information Technology
Art and Design
Art and Design (Design)
Art and Design (Expressive)

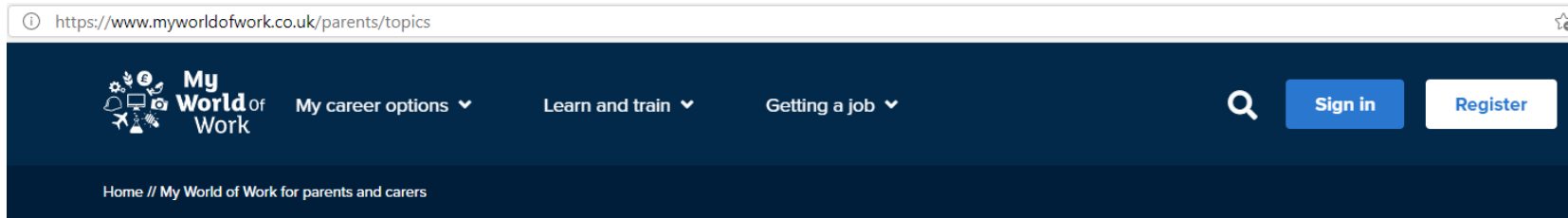


My World of Work

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Parents' resources



My World of Work for parents and carers



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When it comes to making career decisions, you're one of the first people your child will turn to.

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How My World of Work can help your child

We've designed My World of Work to make it easy for your child to explore and discover careers that might suit them.

We'll support you both to use the site to spark ideas for their career and explore the routes they could take to the job that they want.

[Registering for an account](#) will help your child make the most of My World of Work.



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2024-25 Change to the School Week

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Currently a 30 period
week model giving 6
subjects in S4



Change to a 32 period
week to give additional
subject in S4



English and Maths: 4
periods in S3 and then
4 periods in S4



Skills inserts in Broad
General Education



One less option given in
S3, so that each course
receives more time

Changes to the school day – 32 period week

Pupil Contact Period	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
US Time	8.40 – 8.50					
Period 1	8.50 – 9.40					
Period 2	9.40 – 10.30					
Break	10.30 – 10.50					
Period 3	10.50 – 11.40					
Period 4	11.40 – 12.30					
Lunch	12.30 – 13.20					
Period 5	13.20 – 14.10					
Period 6	14.10 – 15.00					
Period 7	15.00 – 15.50					



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Scottish Curriculum Areas

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Languages and Literacy

Mathematics and Numeracy

Science

Social Studies

Expressive Arts

Technologies

Religious and Moral Education

Health and Well-being

Learner Pathways website

- [Banchory Academy \(google.com\)](https://www.banchoryacademy.com/learner-pathways)

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Learner Pathways at Banchory Academy

Personalisation and Choice

Our website has been designed to support the young people to make decisions about their school subjects and futures beyond school. Click on the links below to find out more.

Course Information
[Find out more about the courses we offer in Broad General S2, S3 and Senior Phase S4/S5/6. Find out about the skills you'll develop in these courses and the](#)

Qualifications Explained
[Learn about the types of qualifications available in the senior phase. Find out which qualifications are best for your progression route.](#)

Subject Choice
[Links to all subject choice forms, deadlines and advice needed to make and submit your choices.](#)



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S3 Curriculum

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► CORE

- English: 4 periods
- Maths: 4 periods
- RMPS: 1 period
- PE: 2 periods
- PSHE: 1 period

CHOICE

- 1 x Language: 2 periods
- 1 x Science 3 periods
- 1 x Social Studies 3 periods
- 1 x Expressive Art 3 periods
- 1 x Technologies 3 periods

- 2 x Options 2 x 3 periods

- = 32 periods**



S2 → S3 CURRICULAR OPTIONS AVAILABLE

The majority of pupils will continue within each curricular area during the Broad General Education phase of their education

Core Subjects (majority of students)	Language (choose 1)	Science (choose 1)	Social Studies (choose 1)	Expressive Arts (choose 1)	Technologies (choose 1)	Please select 2 further Options and 2 Reserve Options listed in order of priority 1 – 4	
English (4 periods) Mathematics (4 periods) <u>Core</u> (1/2 periods) Core Religious, Moral & Philosophical Education- RMPS Core Physical Education - PE Personal, Social & Health Education - PSHE	French	Biology	Business Management	Art & Design	Administration & IT	Administration & IT	
	Spanish	Chemistry	Geography	Drama	IT	Art & Design	
	German	Physics	History	Music	Computing Science	Biology	4
	Languages for Life & Work	Science	Modern Studies		Design & Manufacture	Business Management	
			Scottish Studies		Graphic Communication	Chemistry	1
					Practical Craft Skills	Computing Science	
					Practical Cookery	Design & Manufacture	3
						Drama	
						French	
						German	
						Geography	
						Graphic Communication	
						History	
						Modern Studies	
						Music	
					PE – Sport & Fitness		
					Physics		
					Practical Cookery		
					Practical Craft Skills		
					RMPS		
					Spanish	2	
Your Choices →	French	Physics	History	Drama	Practical Cookery		

(NOTE: Please choose PCS or DM, it is not possible to do both courses at this time – 2nd course may be selected as reserve)

Choose 7 Option subjects which are taught 3 periods per week. Guidance Staff will be discussing the process and courses available in PSHE. Choices will be made via Glow Tile on school launchpad via MS Teams Form after Parents evening 6th Feb and before deadline 12th February 2024. Further support for making choices can be found at on the school website Information>Useful documents and www.myworldofwork.co.uk



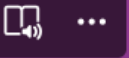


Online Choice Form

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2024 Banchory Academy Broad General Education S3 Personalisation and Choice Form



Please read each section carefully, it is here to help you.

Curricular choices and pathways should be discussed with parents/carers at home and with teachers if you have questions. Some Faculties will do presentations about their subjects in the coming days, and the choice process will be covered in PSHE by Guidance Staff.

A presentation for parents can be found on the school website under Information>Useful Documents

This form must be completed online and submitted to Mrs Bruce (Depute Rector) by **Friday 9th February 2024**.

There is no advantage to early submission, but we appreciate a timely response. It is possible to click through the form and read the information without submitting at the end.

Support at Home

- Importance of enjoyment, feel success
- First step towards qualification
- Encourage your child to use links to consider skills
- Advice and presentations from teachers on Teams
- Visit Banchory Academy Pathways Website
- Consider progression – career path
- Plans for S4, S5, S6



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Targetted support

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Helpful Links

- [Broad general education | Learning in Scotland | Parent Zone](#)
- [Support for parents and carers | My World of Work](#)
- [Where can your subject choices take you? | My World of Work](#)
- [A to Z of National Qualification \(NQ\) subjects - SQA](#)
- [Planit : Career Areas \(planitplus.net\)](#)
- [Career paths | My Kids Career](#)
- [Apprenticeships | Apprenticeships.scot: Work, Learn & Earn](#)
- [Courses Archive - North East Scotland College \(nescol.ac.uk\)](#)
- [What and where to study at a University, College or Conservatoire \(ucas.com\)](#)

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