

# S3 -> S4 Transition Parent Information Pathways 2024

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# CfE Levels or Stages

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



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# Curriculum for Excellence Secondary Structure

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- **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

# Senior Phase Curriculum (S4-6)

- S1 & 2: **16** subjects (some on rota)
  - S3: **10 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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# S4 Choices for Senior Phase

- Report received on 26<sup>th</sup> January
- Available options form
- Guidance staff & PSHE support process
- Faculties discussing available courses
- S4 Curriculum Guides- on TEAMS / Pathways Website
- SDS Stuart Clark available for appointments
- **Online Choice form returned- 01/02/24**



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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.



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# 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)

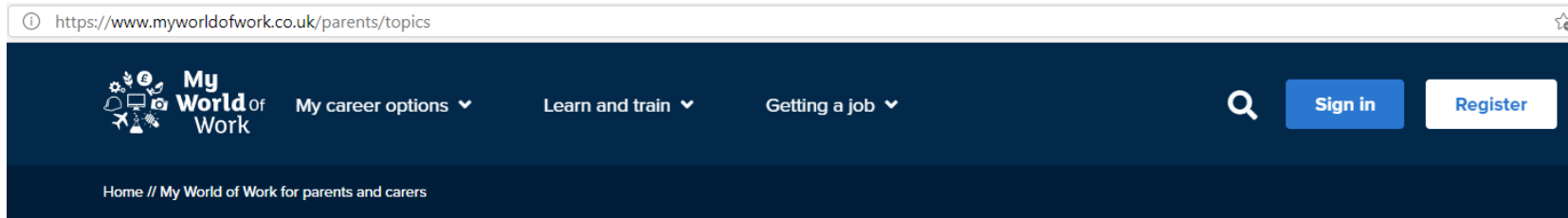


# My World of Work

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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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# S4 Curriculum

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## CORE

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

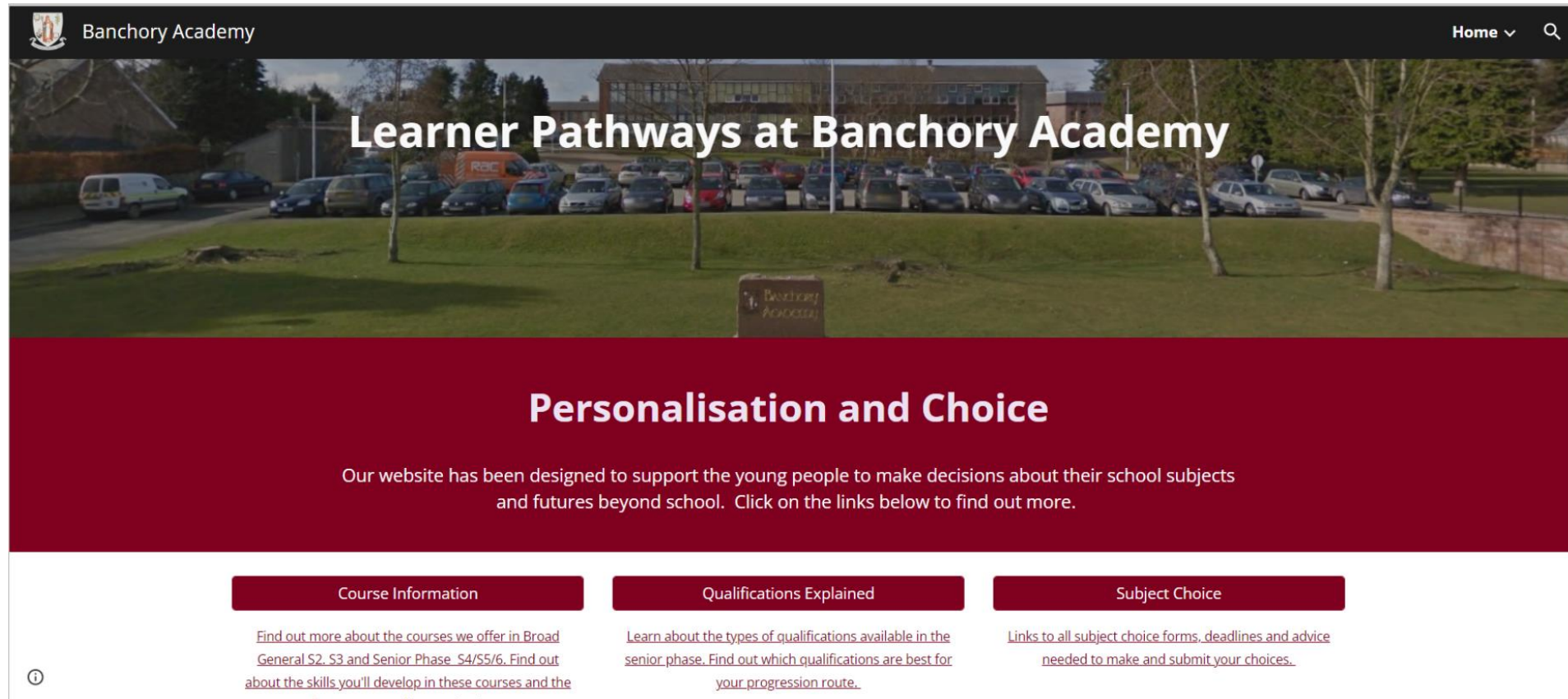
## CHOICE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Option: 4 periods
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Option 4 periods
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Option 4 periods
- 4<sup>th</sup> Option 4 periods
- 5<sup>th</sup> Option 4 periods

**National Certification in 7 subjects, plus RMPS unit**

# Learner Pathways website

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



**Banchory Academy** Home 🔍

## 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	Qualifications Explained	Subject Choice
<a href="#">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</a>	<a href="#">Learn about the types of qualifications available in the senior phase. Find out which qualifications are best for your progression route.</a>	<a href="#">Links to all subject choice forms, deadlines and advice needed to make and submit your choices.</a>



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Current S3 Courses	S4 Core Subjects	S4 Available Options	
Please list subjects <u>studied</u> in S3	These courses are followed by <u>the majority of pupils</u>	Please Select 5 options for National Qualification, list in priority 1 – 5. Then choose 2 reserve options, label 6 & 7	
English	<u>English N3/4/5</u>	Administration & IT N4/5	
Mathematics		Art & Design N4/5	
French/Spanish/German/LLW		Biology N5	
Core PE	<u>Mathematics N4/5</u>	Business Management N4/5	
Core RMPS	or	Chemistry N5	
Core PSHE	<u>Applications of Mathematics N3/4/5</u>	Computing Science N4/5	
1		Design & Manufacture N4/5	
2		Drama N4/5	
3		Enterprise and Employability SCQF level 4/5	
4		French N4/5	
5		Geography N4/5	
6		German N4/5	
7		Graphic Communication N4/5	
		History N4/5	
		Horticulture Award SCQF level 4/5	
		Modern Studies N4/5	
		Music N4/5, Higher	
		Physical Education (PE) N4/5	
		Physics N5	
		Practical Cookery N4/5	
		Practical Woodworking N4/5	
		RMPS N4/5	
		Science N3/4	
		Scottish Studies SCQF level 4	
		Skills for Work – Energy N5	
		Skills for Work – Lab Science N5	
		Skills for Work – Sport & Recreation N5	
		Spanish N4/5	
		NESCOL (Name Course) → SCQF 4/5	
		Course: _____	Day: _____
		Location: _____	
Pupils are advised to continue with courses that they have studied in <u>S3</u>	Core		
	Physical Education (PE)		
	Personal Social & Health Education (PSHE)		
	Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies (RMPS)		

Majority of students will follow a curriculum of 7 national courses for qualification, plus 3 core subjects in PE/PSHE/RMPS with optional qualification. Support available for choices through Guidance staff, PSHE and SDS staff.  
 Choices should be made via Glow M5 Form between Fri 26<sup>th</sup> (Reports issued) and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024. Further information through PSHE Teams, the school website and [www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk)



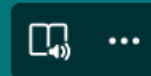


# Online Choice Form

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## 2024 -25 Banchory Academy S4 Curricular Options 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 here <http://banchoryacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/>

This form must be completed online and submitted to Mrs Bruce (Depute Rector) by **Friday 1st February 2024**.

There is no advantage to early submission, but we appreciate a timely response.

If you change your mind it is possible to submit a second time, we will assume the most recent submission is correct.

Further information and support for course choice can be found here:

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/choosing-my-subjects>





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## Why Choose NESCol?



### Whatever your educational or occupational background, an opportunity awaits at NESCol!

North East Scotland College (NESCol) is one of the largest providers of vocational education and training in Scotland. We have a course to suit everyone – whether you're fresh out of school, currently working, returning to education or simply want to try something new.

We cover a wide range of course levels across a range of different subject areas, and aim to deliver inspirational teaching from each of our modern and well-equipped campuses. Coming to College can be a big step, but we have a number of expert teams in place to provide support to help you along the way.

## School Link Courses (1 day/ 2 pms per week)

NPA Technical Theatre

C&G Lv 1 Hairdressing

C&G Lv 1 Beauty Therapy

SfW N5 Early Education & Childcare

SfW N5 Health Sector

NPA Cyber Security

Intro to Social Science & Criminology

SfW Travel and Tourism

C&G Intro to Vehicle Technology

SfW N5 Engineering

NPA Construction Crafts

Supported Learning Preparation for Work

# Foundation Apprenticeships

APPRENTICESHIPS.**SCOT**  
From Skills Development Scotland

Apprentice ▼

Employer ▼

Learning provider ▼



Find a vacancy

Advertise a Vacancy

## Set yourself up for a bright future

Apprenticeships come in loads of shapes and sizes – and we're here to help you decide which would be best for you. Whether you see yourself on a film set, studying animals at sea, developing software or running your own business in the future – an apprenticeship will help you get there.

Children and Young People  
Health and Social Care  
Cybersecurity and Network Management  
Scientific Technologies



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# 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
- Post 16 pathways



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# Helpful Contacts

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## Targetted support

## Support for Learning

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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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