

S4 & 5 Parents Information

Course Choice 2024 - 25



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Staying on after age 16



Takes Commitment



Brings Academic challenges



Opportunities for Personal Development



Preparing for future pathways



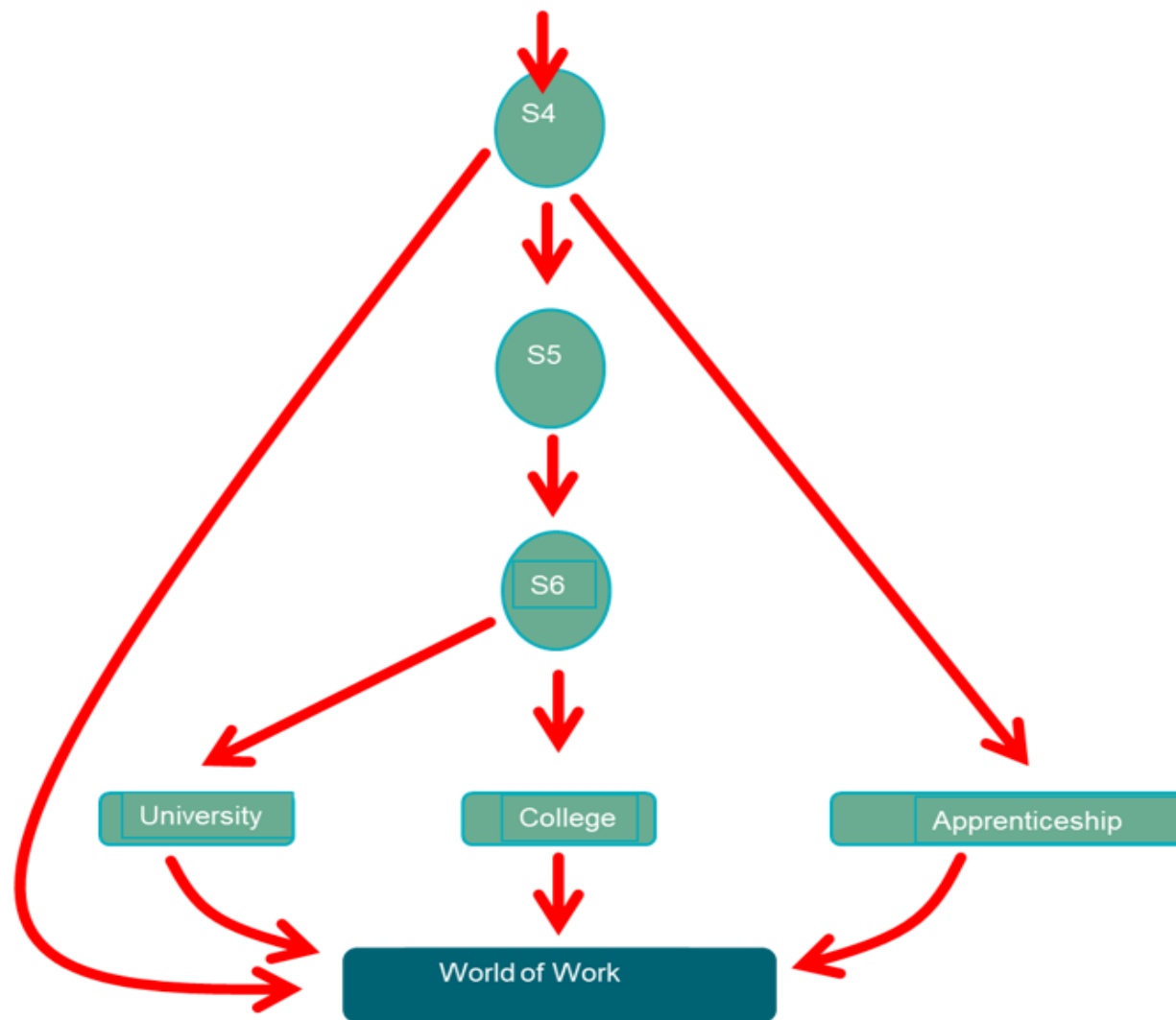
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Options and Pathways for 16+

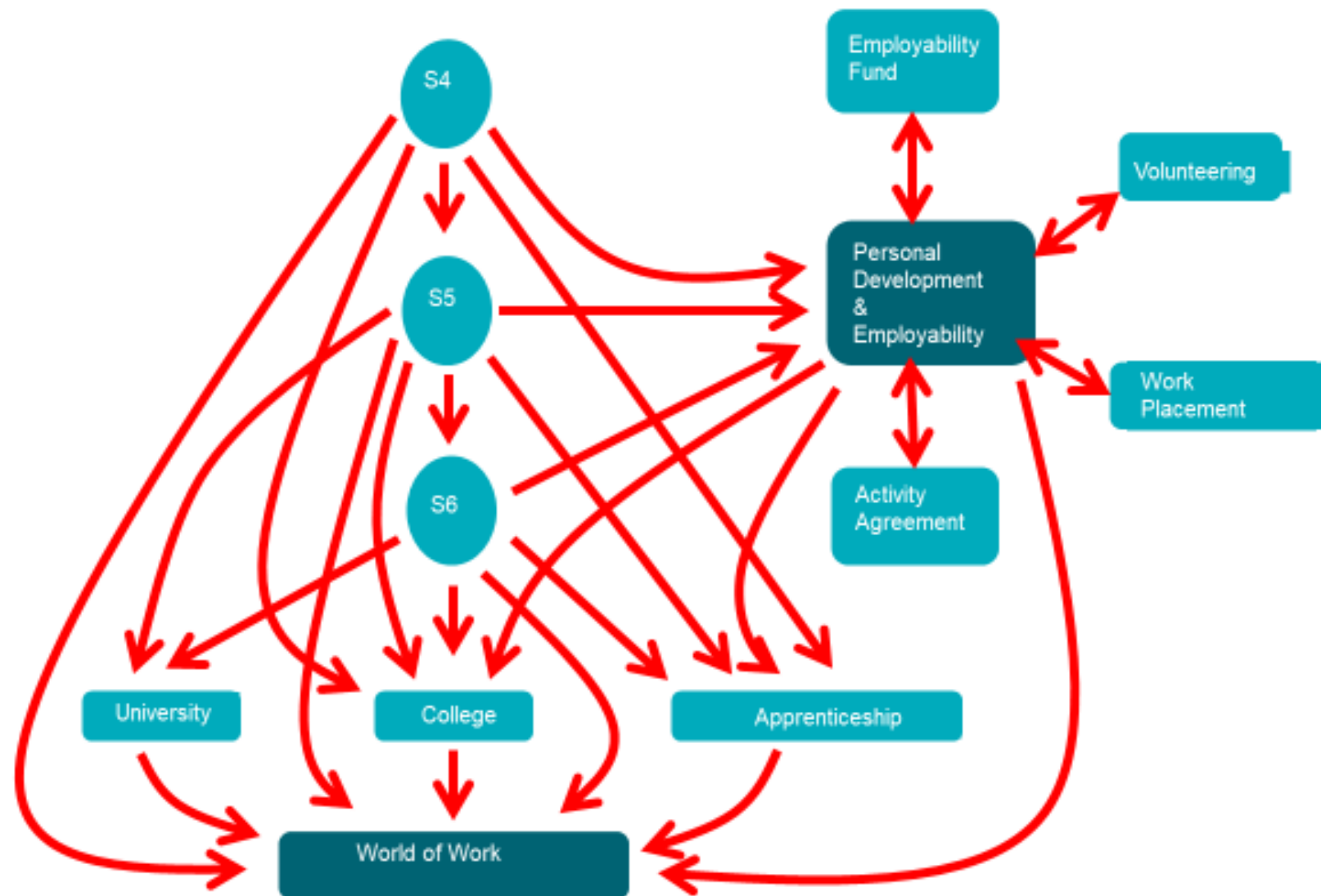
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Possible Pathways

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1196 Apprenticeships available today

Keywords

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Does university still matter?

Is it worth it?

IS UNIVERSITY WORTH IT?

Maybe you've already got big ideas about the future; maybe you're still figuring things out. One thing's certain: there are many options after leaving school.

Going to a uni, a college, or a performing arts conservatoire sounds good, but if it's not for you, you can try apprenticeships, working life, or taking a gap year. It's your future to create.



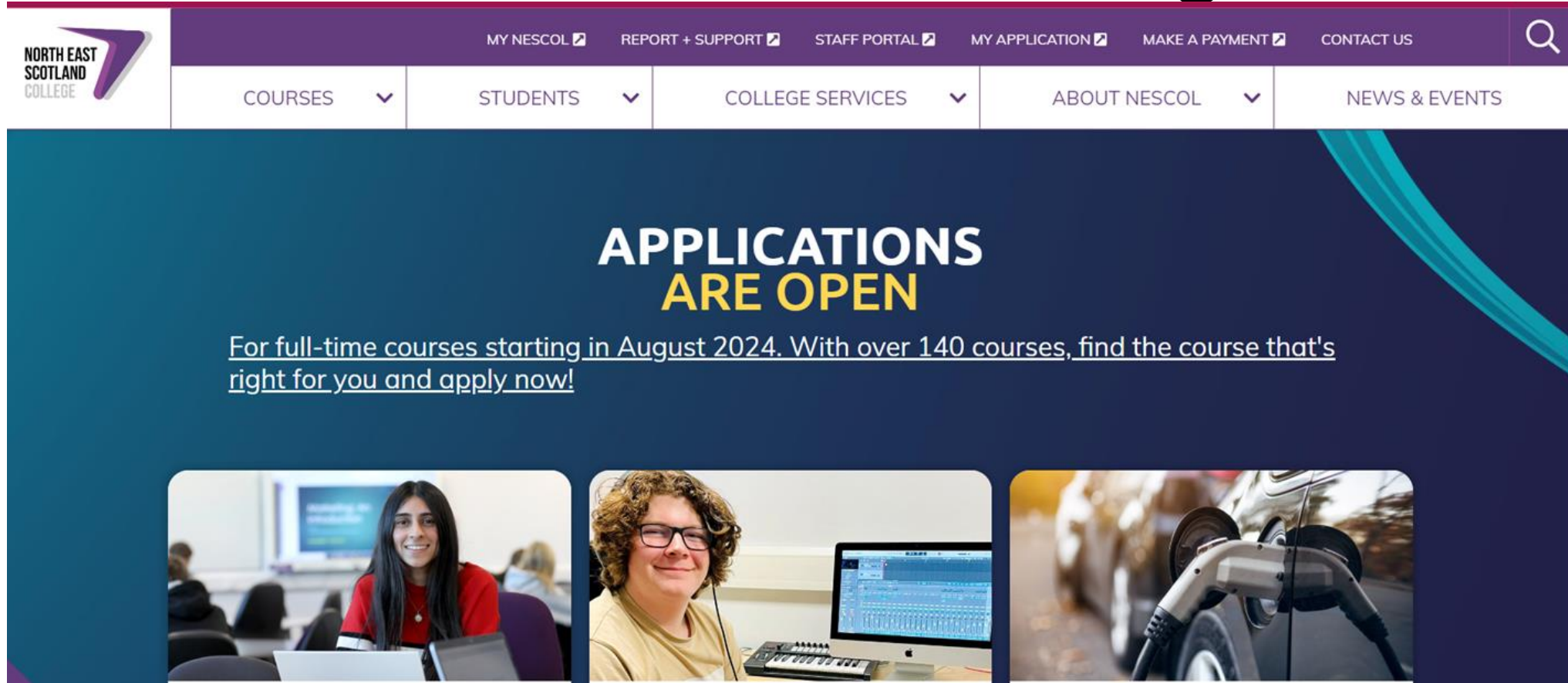
Apprentices

Kick-start your career with an apprenticeship

Explore the apprenticeships available, which employers you could be working with and the qualifications you'll gain along the way.



North East Scotland College



The screenshot shows the North East Scotland College website. At the top left is the college logo. A purple navigation bar contains links: MY NESCOL, REPORT + SUPPORT, STAFF PORTAL, MY APPLICATION, MAKE A PAYMENT, and CONTACT US. Below this is a white menu bar with dropdowns for COURSES, STUDENTS, COLLEGE SERVICES, ABOUT NESCOL, and NEWS & EVENTS. The main banner has a dark blue background with the text 'APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN' in white and yellow. Below this, it says 'For full-time courses starting in August 2024. With over 140 courses, find the course that's right for you and apply now!'. Three images are shown: a student in a classroom, a student at a computer, and an electric car charging station.



Open Day Saturday 16th March

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University – UCAS course search

UCAS

🏠 / Undergraduate / What and where to study

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT UNDERGRADUATE COURSE FOR YOU

Explore this **section** ▼

Are you stuck deciding which subject, course type, or uni or college is right for you? Read on for our tips and advice on tackling this big decision.

What's on this page?

- What subject is right for me?
- What types of undergraduate course are there?
- How do you want to study?

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Alternative Pathways

School based learning combined with other courses

- ▶ College courses
- ▶ Foundation Apprenticeships

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/entry-requirements/scottish-qualifications/foundation-apprenticeships>

SCQF

Scientific Technologies

Children and Young People

Health and Social Care

Cybersecurity and Network Management



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Foundation Apprenticeships

- Children and Young People – Local primaries and nurseries
- Cybersecurity and Network Management – SHMU Aberdeen
- Health Social Care – OT, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Care, GP
- Scientific Technologies – RGU, TLC Potatoes,

“You get to know your course tutors well and there is chill vibe.”

“Placement has been good to experience something different, a change to sitting in the class. You learn more from going into the workplace, picking up skills and forming your own viewpoint, than being told about it in class. I prefer learning by doing than just listening”

“You have opportunities to do things on placement, where you have support. There is no formal exam, which I prefer and there is more time in class to get coursework done.”



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NESCOL Link Courses:

Subject Areas include:

- ▶ Digital Media
- ▶ Civil Engineering
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Automotive
- ▶ Computing
- ▶ Sport
- ▶ Hospitality
- ▶ Travel and Tourism
- ▶ Marketing and Events
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Accountancy
- ▶ Beauty Therapy
- ▶ Maritime
- ▶ N5 Psychology



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YASS – Young Applicants in Scottish Schools

Open University online learning – 10 credits

- ▶ Law Making in Scotland
- ▶ Contemporary Topics in Science



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Young Applicants in Schools Scheme

YASS, our Young Applicants in Schools Scheme, is designed to bridge the gap between school and university, college or employment and helps motivated students stand out from the crowd. It encourages independent learning and builds confidence. Taking part in YASS develops key skills



BANCHORY ACADEMY - COURSES AVAILABLE FOR NEW S5s and S6s – 2024 -25



Advanced Higher SCQF 7	Art & Design - Design	Drama	History	Music	YASS Courses
	Art & Design - Expressive	English	Mathematics	Physics	Law making in Scotland
	Biology	French	Maths of Mechanics	RMPS	Contemporary topics in Science
	Chemistry	Geography	Modern Studies	Spanish	
Higher FA – see below SCQF 6	Accounting	Computing Science	Geography	<i>ICT Cybersecurity</i>	Philosophy (S6)
	Art & Design	Criminology (NPA)	German	Applications of Maths	Physical Education
	Biology	Design & Manufacture	Graphic Communication	Mathematics	Physics
	Business Management	Drama	<i>Health and Social Care</i>	Media	Politics (S6)
National 4/5 SCQF 4/5	Chemistry	English	History	Modern Studies	RMPS
	<i>Children & Young People</i>	French	Human Biology	Music	<i>Scientific Technologies</i>
	Admin & IT	Design and Manufacture	German	Applications of Maths	Spanish
	Art & Design	Drama	Graphic Communication	Mathematics	Practical Woodworking
Foundation Apprenticeship (= to 2 courses) SCQF 6 Take 1 only	Biology	Enterprise & Employability	History	Media	RMPS
	Business Management	English	Horticulture	Modern Studies	Energy (SfW)
	Chemistry	French	Practical Cake Craft	Music	Lab Science (SfW)
	Computing Science	Geography	Practical Cookery	Physical Education	Sports & Rec (SfW)
College	Scientific Technologies – 1 year FA - taught by school staff; work experience in a work place laboratory/ advanced techniques in school Children and Young People – 1 year FA - taught in school by visiting staff; work experience in a local primary/nursery setting Health and Social Care – 1 year FA – taught in school/ online by visiting staff; work experience in local care setting/ visits to Health settings ICT Cyber Security and Network management – 1 year FA – taught online by visiting staff; work experience in managing virtual networks				
	Specified College Courses (including 2 year FAs) taught at NESCOL are available (you must apply through your Guidance Teacher)				
Enrichment S5 – Take 1		Art & Design	Music	Physical Education	Science

new S5 students should take 5 courses plus 1 enrichment

new S6 students should take 4 or 5 courses (unless 3 AH or FA)





Reminder change to the school day – 50 minute periods

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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					

Higher classes will be timetabled 5 period per week

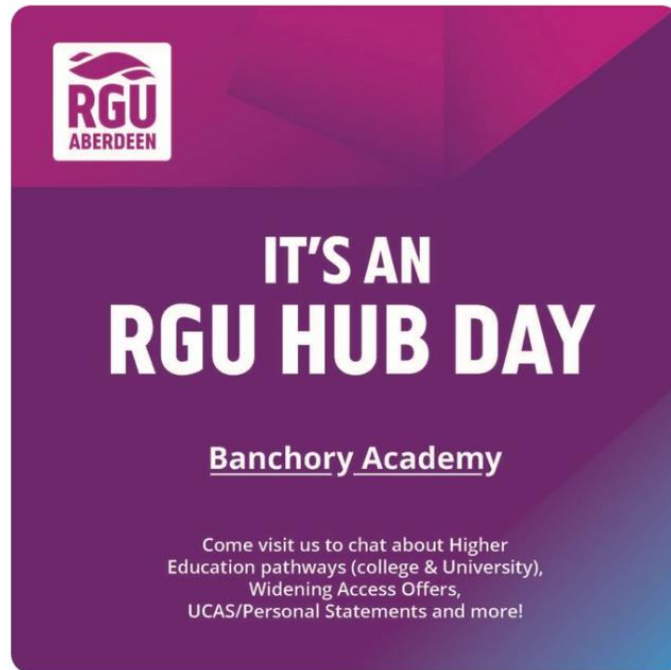
National 5 Maths, Applications of Maths and English S5/6 only classes 5 periods per week

National 5 subjects – 4 periods per week plus study class

Advanced Higher Classes timetabled 3 – 5 periods per week, depending on uptake

Introducing RGU Hub

David Lawson, Louise Durham



**ROBERT GORDON
UNIVERSITY ABERDEEN**

**MEET YOUR RGU
HUB LINK, TERRI**



Scan to book an appointment



Terri will be working in the interim basis with Banchory and is here to support students in their choices & pathways, and deliver our academic intervention

Email us:
t.foubister1@rgu.ac.uk

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Academic Choices new S5

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Pupils must **choose 5 subjects**

plus 1 “Enrichment” Art / Music / PE / Science

Choices can be...

Progression from S4 (eg Nat 4-→ Nat 5 or Nat 5→ Higher)

Revisit courses from S3 Nat 4/5

Experience new courses

College Link courses

A combination of all of the above

In addition, one PSHE and two study periods



Academic Choices new S6

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► Pupils must make four choices* (or 3xAH, 1 FA)

Choices can be...

► Progression (eg Higher -> Adv Higher)

► Upgrade subjects from S5 (generally not more than 1)

► Revisit courses from S3, S4

► Experience new courses ('crash' course discuss with PT)

► Foundation Apprenticeship (counts as 2 courses with placement)

► College Link courses

► In addition one period for S6 Tutor period with Guidance staff/Briefing with Mrs Wight



Personal Development S6

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Pupils are expected to volunteer 1 period per week in a department, as a classroom tutor or dept support.

Pupils are asked to consider 2 further volunteering opportunities, for example

Captains

S1 Buddying

S6 Committees

Extra curricular clubs

Whole school initiatives

University view of S6

Looking for future uni candidates who are independent learners and complete what they start

Looking for candidates who can “juggle” study with involvement in a range of other activities.

Pupils who keep achieving academically throughout S6 will be more likely to successfully transfer to university and survive a first year

Pupils need to check with universities before dropping a subject after a UCAS application has been made



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Things to consider

Check

Check college and university prospectuses for entry qualifications – “going rates” may be higher than what appears in the prospectus

Contact

Contact Further and Higher Education admissions offices for advice. Be aware of university entrance requirements

Remember

Remember that entry qualifications will be over one sitting and more will be required over two sittings



Points to note

Senior phase pupils (S4/5/6) will be timetabled together in some classes

Over subscribed subjects – some pupils will be asked to make a further choice.

Some classes may not be able to run due to staffing

There are often places available after the summer holidays

Undersubscribed subjects – class not likely to run



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Name _____

Register Class _____



- New S5, pupils should choose 5 courses plus one Enrichment from the list (it is **not** advised to crash a Higher subject in S5)
- New S6, pupils should choose a minimum of 4 courses from the list on previous page (unless taking 3AH/ 1FA with placement)
- Please take time to **research** the available options. **Use the 'Learner Pathways' website.** **Speak** to your Parents/Carers, **investigate** post 16 pathways and **be informed** about work/course entry requirements.
- Please **discuss your choice** with your subject teacher or see the Principal Teacher of that department, they will **initial indicating agreement**.
- Complete this form and hand to register teacher/ Guidance staff
- **Enter Choices into Online Option Form via Glow Teams** (wk beg 26th Feb)
- S6 should indicate their interest in volunteering opportunities in S6

I am returning to S5/S6 ☐ I am unsure ☐ I am leaving ☐

Subjects Taken 2023-24	Level N4/5 H FA AH	Course Choice 2024-25	Level N4/5 H FA AH	Discussed with Staff (Initialled)

Reserve Choice			
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Signature of Pupil	Date
Signature of Parent/Carer	Date

Due to timetable constraints, it is not always possible to guarantee that every combination of subjects will be possible or that every subject will run. You will be consulted before allocating reserve choices.

Please Submit Choices by Friday 1st March 2024





New Learner Pathways website

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🏠 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.

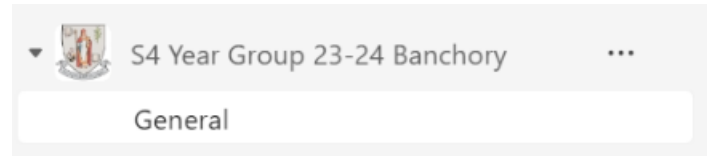
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Accessed from the School Website

Currently being updated : Curriculum Guide for S5/S6 is available on MS Teams



Submit Choice form ONLINE by Friday 1st March 2024



2024 Banchory Academy S5 Curricular Options Form

Curricular choices and pathways should be discussed with parents/carers at home and with your teachers. Once you have had Learning conversations with your teachers and gathered signatures, please submit your paper form to Guidance.

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

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

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

<https://www.apprenticeships.scot/become-an-apprentice/foundation-apprenticeships/>

DYW Aberdeenshire - Foundation Apprenticeships Aberdeenshire <https://dywaberdeenshire.scot/>

Presentation for parents can be found here <https://youtu.be/tbthDuxtih0>





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