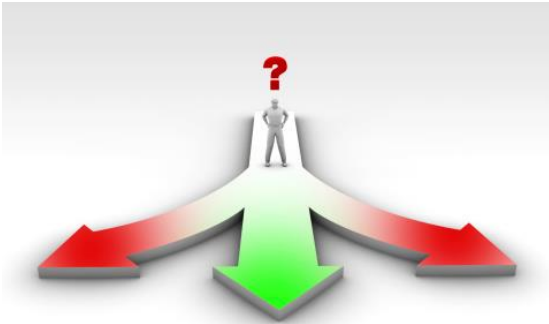




# WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL

*Options Information ~ S4/5 (New  
S5/6) ~ February 10, 2022*



Which  
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# KEY STAFF

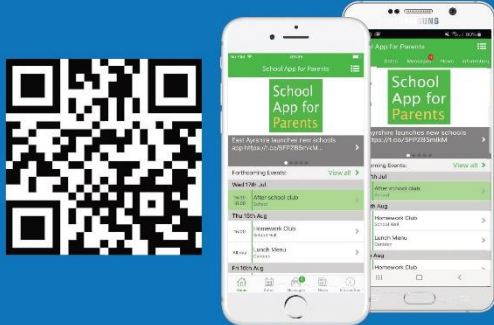
- ◉ **Mr Macleod ~ Head of new S5/6**
- ◉ **Mrs Chumley ~ Pupil Support Leader for current S5 ~ advises on options for year group**
- ◉ **Mrs Harris & Miss Dunsmore ~ Leading with current S4**
- ◉ **Fiona Lafferty (Skills Development Scotland - Careers Advisor)**

# ACCESSING INFORMATION

## *School App for Parents:*

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Please download **School App for Parents** that lets you see news, dates and receive important messages.



Scan the QR Code or search for **School App for Parents** in the Google Play or Apple App Store. When you have downloaded the app please search for our school name to see our dates, news and receive messages.



## *School Website:*

<https://www.wallacehigh.org.uk>

With options we  
promote a culture  
that supports equity  
of opportunity and  
aspiration...

# ...BALANCED WITH EVIDENCE-BASED DECISIONS

*We encourage pupils to make decisions based on the evidence of their school experience and wider life to date.*

*This means considering your course options by taking fully into account your strongest subjects and those you enjoy and work hardest in.*

*You have had lots of feedback on this in your four/five years in school to date and so you should have a good idea of your strongest areas and those that you, broadly, wish to continue to study.*

# S5 & S6 OPTIONS

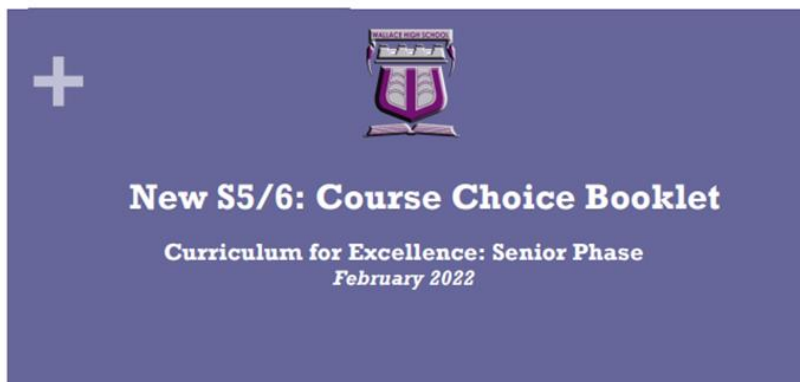
## S5 2022/23

5 full subject courses (includes personalised arrangements - college etc.)

## S6 2022/23

Minimum 4 core options (includes Sports Leader, Community Awards, Peer Support, agreed personalised work experience etc.)  
+ 1 column of structured study

# S5/6 Options ~ details for all courses are available in our online Course Choice Booklet





# S5/6 Options ~ Online Form (Live from Monday 21<sup>st</sup>) on Mrs Chumley's S5 Google Classroom & Miss Dunsmore's S4 Google Classroom

## S5 Course Choice 2021

Course Choice 2021-2022 – Current S4 making choices for S5

In February, all pupils in S4 will choose the subjects that they would like to study in S5.

Pupils must choose their subjects and submit their choices via the Google Form sent to their school email address by Friday 26 February 2021. Courses are offered subject to staff availability and to sufficient numbers opting for each course.

Pupils have a personal choice of the five subjects they wish to study. However, we generally recommend that pupils choose progression from the subjects studied in S4. The decision to 'pick up' or 'crash' a subject should only be taken where there is clear evidence that pupils' prior skills development and interests would lead to success. Remember that the majority of pupils stay on at school for S5 and S6, so course choice decisions should reflect this. Every attempt will be made to satisfy the first choices, or the alternative choice as necessary.

The level at which the subject will be studied depends on a pupil gaining the necessary grades to allow entry into the course. There is no need to indicate the level of study as this will be recommended by class teachers and Faculty Leaders based on prior attainment. The following subjects are offered in S5:

Your email address will be recorded when you submit this form.

Not [ramsapp07s@stirlingschools.net](mailto:ramsapp07s@stirlingschools.net)? [Switch account](#)

**\*Required**

First Name \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

Select Option 1 \*

# ENTRY TO COURSES

- ◉ NATIONAL 5 (SCQF 5) courses are designed to follow on from National 4 (SCQF 4)
- ◉ HIGHER (SCQF 6) courses are designed to follow on from National 5 (SCQF 5)
- ◉ ADVANCED HIGHER (SCQF 7) courses are designed to follow on from Higher (SCQF 6)

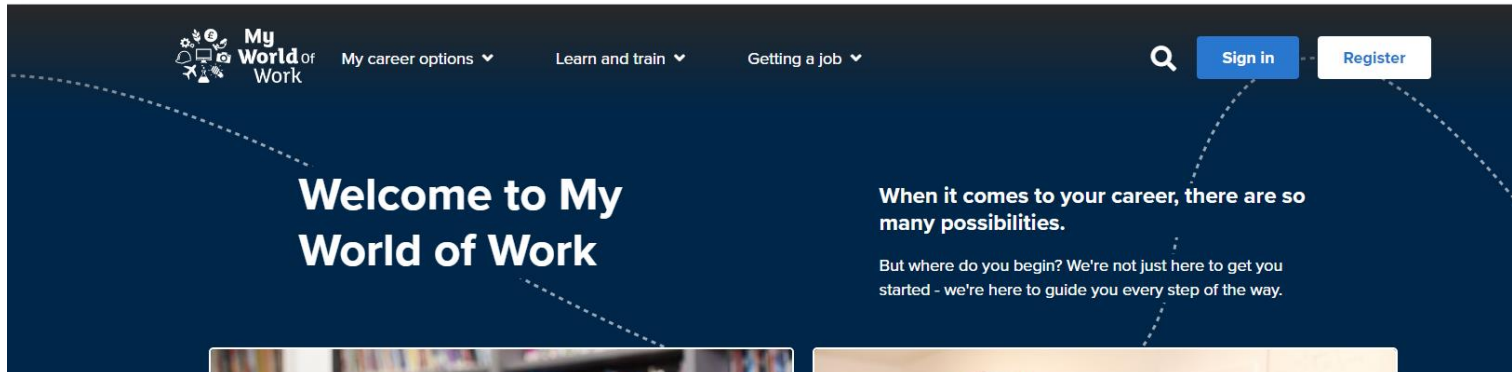
# OPTIONS

- ◉ We attempt to provide an ‘open’ choice to ensure that we maximise choice of subjects that will lead to success
- ◉ S4/5 Pupil Support/Careers interviews have included conversations to support the **BEST** choices being made and a parental/pupil meeting (via Google Meet) can be requested
- ◉ Even if pupils and parents feel they do not require an additional meeting following completing the online form, all forms will be reviewed by the Pupil Support team and we will discuss any issues that arise with the individual pupil (ensuring that we have considered, collectively, the **best** options for your child).
- ◉ Where staffing/demand limits a choice in any subject we will discuss this and seek to ensure there is a good alternative choice or that this can be planned over S5/6
- ◉ Advanced Higher period allocation and range of subjects that we offer depends on uptake

# WHAT CHOICES?

- ⦿ Depends on performance in prior stages!
- ⦿ Choose your **5 BEST** subjects
- ⦿ University/college entrance qualifications?
- ⦿ Maximise **your** skills
- ⦿ Plan courses over 2 years (S5 into S6)
- ⦿ Are any subjects **required** for your chosen career?
- ⦿ Advice from: Pupil Support Leader/ Subject Specialists/ Careers (SDS)/ My World of Work...don't be afraid to ask your teachers lots of questions about this...

# SDS SUPPORT - FIONA LAFFERTY (CAREERS ADVISOR)



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the 'My World of Work' website. The logo is on the left, followed by three dropdown menus: 'My career options', 'Learn and train', and 'Getting a job'. On the right, there is a search icon, a blue 'Sign in' button, and a white 'Register' button. Below the navigation, the main content area has a dark blue background with white text. On the left, it says 'Welcome to My World of Work'. On the right, it says 'When it comes to your career, there are so many possibilities. But where do you begin? We're not just here to get you started - we're here to guide you every step of the way.'

**My World of Work** My career options ▾ Learn and train ▾ Getting a job ▾

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### In school or leaving school

We're here to help you plan your future career.



### In work or looking for work

Discover your route to new skills or a new career.

# UNIVERSITY & UCAS EXPECTATIONS

- ◉ For all students - Highers are your main entry qualifications but be aware of core National 5 minimum expectations - especially in English and Maths
- ◉ S6: be aware of the number of universities (Edinburgh etc.) that set requirements to complete courses even with an unconditional offer
- ◉ UCAS now write to schools stating they must be informed if students drop a subject so please take subjects you will *sustain*

# What Next?



- We will send a message out on the School App and post the full Options Booklet here and on our website
- Mrs Chumley and Miss Dunsmore will post the link to the online Options Form on the S4/5 Google Classrooms (live Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February)
- *All pupils* should complete this form by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February
- If you wish to request a parental/pupil meeting to receive support with choices/completing the form, or a careers appointment with Fiona Lafferty, please email Mrs Chumley (S5) or Miss Dunsmore (S4) by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> at:  
[chumleyj07s@glow.sch.uk](mailto:chumleyj07s@glow.sch.uk)  
[dunsmorem07s@glow.sch.uk](mailto:dunsmorem07s@glow.sch.uk)
- Meetings will be scheduled throughout week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> February