



WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL

*Options Information ~ S3
(New S4) ~ January 2024*



- ◉ Mr Snedden ~ S3/4 Year Head and Curriculum Overview
- ◉ Mr Kerr ~ Pupil Support Leader
- ◉ Mrs Lafferty ~ SDS (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.

GET IT ON Google Play | Download on the App Store

The graphic features a blue background with a white QR code on the left. To the right of the QR code are two smartphones displaying the 'School App for Parents' interface. The app shows a list of dates and events, including 'The 25th Aug', 'The 26th Aug', and 'The 27th Aug'. At the bottom of the graphic are the Google Play and Apple App Store logos.

School Website:

<https://www.wallacehigh.org.uk/curriculumoverview/curriculum-overview/s4-course-choice>

*We value 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 first three years in school and so you should have a good idea of your strongest areas and those that you, broadly, wish to continue to study.

S4 OPTIONS

S4 2024/25

- ◉ 7 full subject courses
- ◉ 4 periods each + 2 x core PE + 1 x core RMPS + 1 x flexible study support/HWB
- ◉ **English, Maths and five ‘open’ options**
- ◉ Encourage breadth but the OPTION for specialism and focus is there
- ◉ There are a range of college options for pupils - please discuss with Pupil Support
- ◉ All pupils must choose one back-up option in case a subject is over-subscribed

S4 Options ~ details for all courses are available in our online Course Choice Booklet

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New S4: Course Choice Booklet

Curriculum for Excellence: Senior Phase
January 2024

OPTIONS WEBSITE - LIVE MONDAY

Options Information Home S4

WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS CHOICE

WELCOME

Welcome to the Course Choice Option website.
Please use the information on this site to help you pick appropriate courses for you to study.
REMEMBER: you can also speak with your subject teachers, Pupil Support Teacher, and Year Head.

SELECT YOUR NEXT STAGE

S3
Secondary Three

S4
Secondary Four

S5
Secondary Five

S6
Secondary Six

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S4 Options ~ Online Form (Live from Monday 15th) on the S3 Google Classroom

In January, all pupils in S3 will choose the subjects that they would like to study in S4.

Course Choice Booklet can be viewed here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Mf3Kdx3wjGwCB2Tsx2KrCfVeBfNnu99U_SxiRxesvLc/edit

Please note:

- Hospitality & Health and Food Technology: financial contributions will be required from all participants within the course
- * Physical Education and Dance

***Required**

Name *

Your answer

Tutor Group *

Your answer

Select Option 1 *

OPTIONS

- ◉ **We attempt to provide an ‘open’ choice to ensure that we maximise choice of subjects that will lead to success.**
- ◉ S3 Pupil Support/Careers interviews have included conversations to support the *BEST* choices being made and an additional parental/pupil meeting 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 from this by contacting you (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.

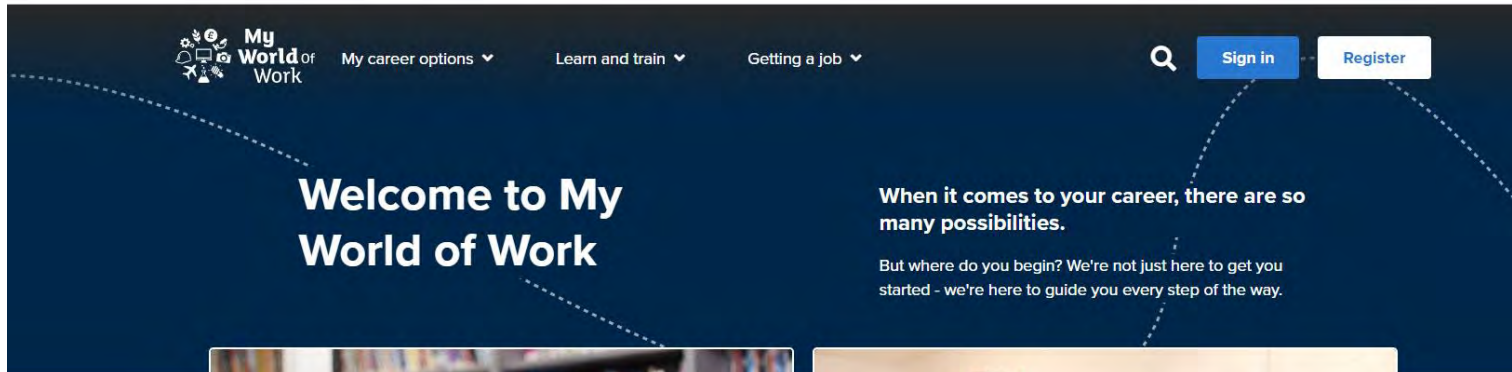
WHAT CHOICES?

- ◉ Depends on performance in prior stage!
- ◉ Choose your *5 BEST* subjects (+ English & Maths)
- ◉ University/college entrance qualifications?
- ◉ Maximise *your* skills
- ◉ Plan courses over 3 years (think S4 & S5 into S6)
- ◉ Are any subjects required for your chosen/ possible career?
- ◉ Advice from: Pupil Support Leaders/ Subject Specialists/ Careers (SDS)/ My World of **Work...don't be afraid to ask your teachers lots of questions about this...**

RECAP: WHAT EVIDENCE INFORMS CHOICE?

- Performance and experience in S3 (and throughout the Broad General Education)
- Class feedback and discussions
- Reporting and parental communications
- Discussions with Careers Advisor (SDS)
- S3 Pupil Support Leader interviews
- **University/college entry requirements...**
- Course choice booklet, Website & the information within this presentation
- Discussions at home
- Parental Course Choice Meetings (if requested)

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 menu items: 'My career options', 'Learn and train', and 'Getting a job'. On the right, there is a search icon, a 'Sign in' button, and a 'Register' button. Below the navigation, the main content area has a dark blue background with white text.

My World of Work My career options ▾ Learn and train ▾ Getting a job ▾ [Sign in](#) [Register](#)

Welcome to My World of Work

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.



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.



What Next?

- We have sent a message out on the School App, by email and posted the full Options Booklet on the App and on our website
- The Pupil Support Team will post the link to the online Options Form on the S3 Google Classroom (live Monday 15th January)
- *All pupils* should complete this form by Friday 19th January
- 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 Mr Kerr (by Monday 15th) at:

kerrb07s@glow.sch.uk

- Meetings will be scheduled to support with any individual advice/questions