



WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL

*Options Information ~ S3
(New S4) ~ January 2021*




- ◉ **Mrs Harris ~ S3/4 Year Head and Curriculum Overview**
- ◉ **Miss Dunsmore ~ 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.



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School Website:

<https://www.wallacehigh.org.uk/s4-course-choices>

*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 2021/22

- ◉ 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

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 2021

S4 Options ~ Online Form (Live from Monday 18th) on Miss Dunsmore's S3 Google Classroom

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S4 Course Choice 2021

Course Choice 2021-2022 – Current S3 making choices for S4

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 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 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 Leader/ Subject Specialists/ Careers (SDS)/ My World of Work...don't be afraid to ask your teachers lots of questions about this via Google Classroom

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 & the information within this presentation
- ◉ Discussions at home
- ◉ Course Choice Meetings via Google Meet (if requested)

What Next?



- We have sent a message out on the School App and posted the full Options Booklet here and on our website
- Miss Dunsmore will post the link to the online Options Form on the S3 Google Classroom (live Monday 18th January)
- *All pupils* should complete this form by Friday 22nd 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 Miss Dunsmore (by Monday 18th) at:
dunsmorem07s@glow.sch.uk
- Meetings will be scheduled throughout week beginning 18th January