



WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Course Choice 2020-2021 – Current S4 making choices for S5

In February, all pupils in S4 will choose the subjects that they would like to study in S5. A Parents' Information Evening to explain the process takes place on **Thursday 13 February 2020 at 6:45pm in the Theatre.**

Pupils must choose their subjects and submit their choices on the form below **during interview on Friday 28 February 2020.** Parents are welcome to come in to attend this interview if they wish to discuss their child's options between 9:30-12:00pm. **Courses are offered subject to staff availability and to sufficient numbers opting for each course.**

Pupils have a personal choice of the 5 subjects they wish to study. However, we recommend that all pupils choose progression from the subjects studied in S4. The decision to 'pick up' or 'crash' a subject should not be taken lightly and often does not lead to success. Remember that the majority of pupils stay on at school for S5 and S6, so the 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 Managers based on grades. The following subjects are offered in S5:

Achieving Excellence in Sport/Leadership	French	Music Technology
Art and Design	Gàidhlig	Personal Development Awards
Business Management	Geography	Physical Education
Chemistry	Graphic Communication	Physics
Computing Science	History	*Practical Cookery
Dance	Human Biology	Practical Metalworking
Design and Manufacture	Laboratory Science	Referee Development Award/Leadership
Employability/PC Passport Awards	Leadership/Volunteering Award	Religious, Moral & Philosophical Studies
English	Application of Mathematics	Scottish Studies/People and Society
English as a Second Language	Mathematics	Spanish
Fashion and Textile Technology	Modern Studies	Web Design
Foundation Apprenticeship	Music	

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Pupil's Name: Tutor Group.....

Office Use

Subject Choice		
Subject Choice		
Subject Choice		
Subject Choice		
Subject Choice		
Subject Choice (Alternative Choice)		

Signature of Parent/Carer..... Date.....

To be returned during interview on Friday 28 February 2020



**Notes for Course Choice for S5
Session 2020 – 2021**

- This form should be studied in conjunction with the S5/S6 Course Choice booklet. All pupils should aim at choosing a balanced course of study, bearing in mind the entry requirements of possible further education courses or future careers.
- The vast majority of S5 pupils return to school for S6. It is important that they consider the progression of courses, which they may wish to take from S5 through to S6. It may be that a subject which cannot be taken in S5 because of the restricted choice of five subjects, can be taken up again in S6.
- **All courses are subject to the availability of staff and accommodation.** Stirling Council guidelines on viability of class sizes state that a class at Higher or National level in S5/6 requires a minimum of twelve pupils. In the case of courses being oversubscribed, certain criteria will be used to select which students would most benefit from the study of the subject at the level indicated. These criteria will be explained if limitation of numbers is required.
- †Please note, in common with other secondary schools, Practical Cookery requires a financial contribution of £60 in order to subsidise the cost of disposable materials.

Please note: the full Course Choice booklet is available on our Parental App and our website
<https://www.wallacehigh.org.uk/s4-course-choices>