



WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Course Choice 2020-2021 – Current S5 making choices for S6

In February, all pupils in S5 will choose the subjects that they would like to study in S6. 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.**

All pupils in S6 can study five subjects, though many may wish to only study four. Although there is a personal choice, we recommend that all pupils choose progression from the subjects studied in S4/5. The decision to 'pick up' or 'crash' a subject should not be taken lightly and often does not lead to success.

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 and performance in S5. However, you must specify if you wish to study at Advanced Higher level. Do this by writing **AH** next to the subject name on the course choice form below. **It is recommended that an A or B pass at Higher must be achieved to be allowed to study an Advanced Higher course.** The following subjects are offered in S6:

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



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 S6 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.
- **All courses are subject to the availability of staff and accommodation.** Stirling Council guidelines on viability of class sizes state that a Higher or National level class in S5/6 requires a minimum of **twelve** pupils and an Advanced Higher class a minimum of **ten** pupils for the full teaching allocation. Advanced Higher courses with less than ten will operate on a reduced time allocation basis. 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 that the teaching sets that begin before the summer holidays may be changed in August due to examination results.** The priority is to accommodate all pupils in their chosen courses.
- Stirling Council are currently looking at consortium working for the delivery of Advanced Highers in Stirling schools. It is expected that this will impact the delivery of Advanced Highers at Wallace High School. A decision has yet to be ratified with regards to which school will be delivering specific courses and further information will be given in due course.
- All pupils will be expected to be accountable for all of their time in school. Students will be encouraged to broaden their personal development by taking advantage of leadership opportunities. Every S6 pupil should be studying four subjects which will lead to a course award.
- †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>