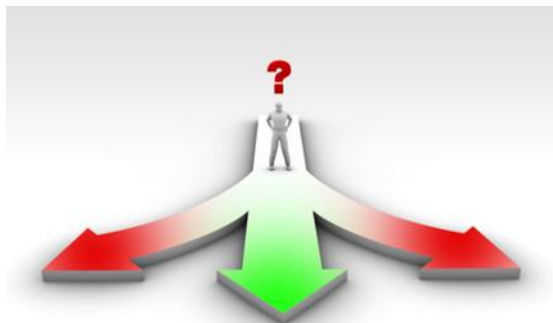


Wallace High School: Options Information February 8th 2024

*How we work together to maximise outcomes for
all pupils across our school community...*

Which Way Now?



Key Staff

- Mr Macleod ~ DHT S5/6
- Mr Snedden ~ DHT S4
- Mrs Spencer and Mr Gracie ~ Pupil Support Leaders for current S4 ~ advises on options for year group
- Mr Campbell ~ Pupil Support Leader for current S5
- 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.

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School Website:

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



Options = promote
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.*



THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at www.scqf.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.



SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9		Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma	Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate	Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher			Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5			Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award	SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3			
2	National 2, Awards			
1	National 1, Awards			



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)*



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



Wallace High School



New S5/6: Course Choice Booklet
Curriculum for Excellence: Senior Phase
February 2024



CYBER SECURITY

Level 5 National Progression Award

Purpose

The **NPA in Cyber Security** is designed to give students both theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the vitally important area of Cyber Security. As cybercrime becomes an increasing threat in modern business and personal internet use, demand for skills in this area is very high. Employment opportunities exist in both public and private sectors including Law Enforcement.

As the course develops a high degree of awareness of cyber threats it is also suited to any pupil who wishes to help protect themselves, their friends and their families from online crime.

The overarching aim of the award is to improve the skills pipeline in cyber security so that more young people consider a career in this area of skills shortage.

Recommended Entry

An interest in technology, crime & law and computer security issues.

Pupils will be required to sign up to a code of conduct given the nature of the skills being taught.

Course Construction

The course has three areas of study:

Data Security

Pupils will learn about the legal and ethical obligations around storing and sharing personal and business data. They are expected to explain the causes and effects of security breaches and learn skills to protect data against security breaches.

Digital Forensics

Pupils will gain an insight into the digital forensics process as used by law enforcement for investigating cybercrime. They will learn to apply relevant techniques in acquiring data and how to preserve and examine digital evidence.

Ethical Hacking

Pupils will learn about current tools and techniques used by ethical and malicious hackers to compromise computer systems. They must understand current legislation relating to computer crime and hacking. They will also learn to perform a routine penetration test on a computer system within a controlled environment.

Assessment

Internally assessed. Pupils will be expected to complete a number of theoretical and practical tests in each unit.

Homework

This will consist of reading course material and completing written assignments reinforcing new topics.

Progression

National 5/Higher Computing Science



Options Website – Live Friday 23rd

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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S5/6 Options ~ Online Form (Live from Friday 23rd) on Mr Campbell's S5 Google Classroom & Mr Gracie & Mrs Spencer's S4 Google Classroom

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 ramsap07s@stirlingschools.net? [Switch account](#)

*Required

First Name *

Your answer

Surname *

Your answer

Tutor Group *

Your answer

Select Option 1 *



S5 & S6 Options

S5 2024/25

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

S6 2024/25

Minimum 4 core options (includes Sports Leader, Community Awards, Peer Support, agreed personalised work experience etc.)

+ 1 column of structured study



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 (in-person or 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...

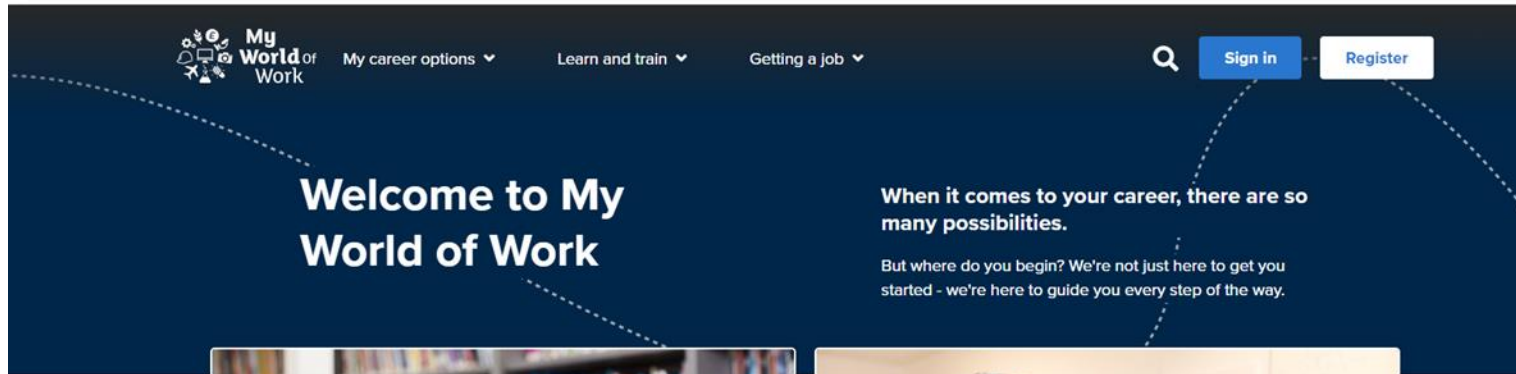


University & UCAS Expectations

- 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 writes to schools stating they must be informed if students drop a subject, so please take subjects you will sustain.



SDS Support – Fiona Lafferty (Careers Advisor)



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the 'My World of Work' website. It features the logo 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 heading reads 'Welcome to My World of Work'. To the right of the heading, there is a motivational quote: '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 will send a message out on the School App and post the full Options Booklet here and on our website

Mr Campbell, Mrs Spencer & Mr Gracie will post the link to the online Options Form on the S4/5 Google Classrooms (live Friday 23rd February)

All pupils should complete this form by Friday 1st March.

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 Spencer/Mr Gracie (S4) or Mr Campbell (S5) by Wednesday 21st February at:

graciep07s@glow.sch.uk

spencerp07s@glow.sch.uk

campbellg07s@glow.sch.uk

Meetings will be scheduled throughout week beginning 26th February.

