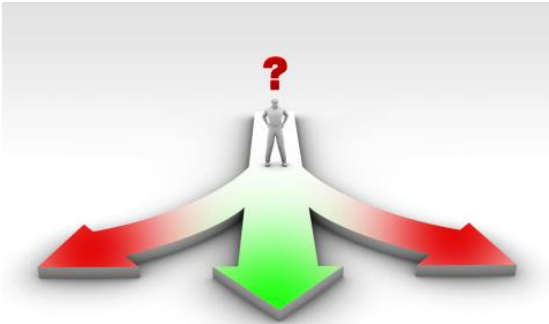




WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL

*Options Information ~ S4/5 (New
S5/6) ~ February 2021*



Which
way
now???

KEY STAFF

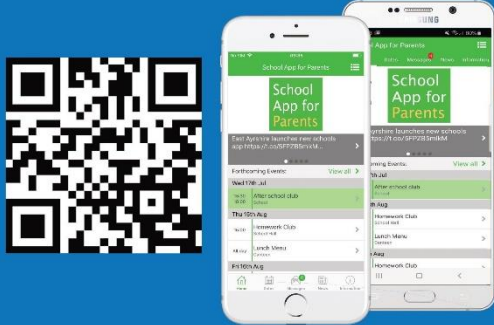
- ◉ **Mr Downie ~ Head of new S5/6**
- ◉ **Mr Kerr ~ Pupil Support Leader for current S5 ~ advises on options for year group**
- ◉ **Mrs Harris & Mrs Chumley ~ Leading with current S4**
- ◉ **Fiona Lafferty (Skills Development Scotland - Careers Advisor)**

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.



School Website:

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

With options we
promote 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 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.

S5 & S6 OPTIONS

S5 2021/22

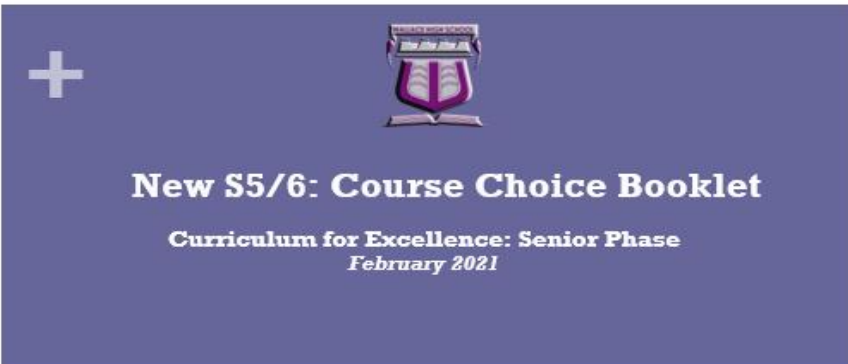
5 full subject courses (includes personalised arrangements - college etc.)

S6 2021/22

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

+ 1 column of structured study

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



S5/6 Options ~ Online Form (Live from Monday 22nd) on Mrs Chumley's S4 Google Classroom & Mr Kerr's S5 Google Classroom

S5 Course Choice 2021

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 ramsapp07s@stirlingschools.net? [Switch account](#)

***Required**

First Name *

Your answer _____

Surname *

Your answer _____

Tutor Group *

Your answer _____

Select Option 1 *

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)

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 (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 via Google Classroom

WHAT EVIDENCE INFORMS CHOICE?

- ◉ Performance this year (prior attainment)
- ◉ Class feedback and discussions
- ◉ Reporting and parental communications
- ◉ Course choice booklet & the information within this presentation
- ◉ Discussions at home
- ◉ Course Choice Meetings via Google Meet (if requested)

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 write to schools stating they must be informed if students drop a subject so please take subjects you will *sustain*

What Next?



- We have sent a message out on the School App and posted the full Options Booklet here and on our website
- Mrs Chumley and Mr Kerr will post the link to the online Options Form on the S4/5 Google Classroom (live Monday 22nd February)
- *All pupils* should complete this form by Friday 26th February
- 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 Chumley (S4) or Mr Kerr (S5) by Monday 22nd at:
chumleyj07s@glow.sch.uk
kerrb07s@glow.sch.uk
- Meetings will be scheduled throughout week beginning 22nd February