



## Subject Choice S3

# Subject Choice

In S3, you will follow a more personalised curriculum. There are core subjects which all pupils will continue to study. You will then select a further 5 subjects which you wish to study in more depth. You will also select 2 'reserve' choices.'

There is free choice in choosing your subjects - you are not obliged to take a subject from any specific curricular area - but you **MUST** plan ahead to S4 when you will further personalise your curriculum. If you drop a subject at the end of S2, you will not be able to take this subject in S4. This will be explained to you in SE and assemblies in more detail.

This booklet summarises the subjects available to you. There is a more detailed booklet available which you should also refer to.

Please be aware that there is no guarantee a subject will run. If you have selected a subject which will not run we will discuss this with you.

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# Core Subjects

## English

English remains central to everyday life and is a requirement for all pathways after school. As such, S3 is an important year for students, in honing their skills and abilities in the BGE, but also in preparation for National Qualifications.

The course outline includes the following projects and opportunities to work on social and life skills, as well as skills for work:



- study of more complex class texts, exploring key themes
- using class texts for practice mini-essay writing
- reading and listening skills with practice assessments
- research projects linking to practice Added Value Unit
- debates and discussions



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# Core Subjects (continued)

## Maths

Maths is important in our everyday life. It equips us with the skills we need to interpret and analyse information, simplify and solve problems, assess risk and make informed decisions. The S3 Maths course includes learning about the following topics:

- Algebra
- Geometry
- Statistics
- Graphs
- Equations
- Time / distance / speed
- Measure
- Basic number skills
- Problem solving





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# Core Subjects (continued)

## French

Everyone will study French two periods a week in S3. You can also continue to study both languages by opting for Spanish as an elective.

Languages play an important role in modern life and many careers and courses value or require a qualification in a Modern Language.

The S3 course aims to:

- develop communication skills
- enhance understanding of other cultures
- improve literacy skills in their first language and the language they are learning



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# Core Subjects (continued)

## PSE

- Pupils receive one period of PSE per week with every effort made to have it delivered by their own Pupil Support teacher.
- They will cover the following key topics: Promoting positive relationships; Personal safety; Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood; Planning for choices and changes; Equality and Diversity; Target Setting including S3 profiling and raising aspirations; Positive mental and emotional wellbeing



## Physical Education

S3 Core PE aims to further develop pupils' fitness, movement skills, thinking skills and personal qualities through participating in a variety of activities. Pupils will be challenged to develop their movement skills, their abilities to co-operate and compete and evaluate their own and others performance.



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# Options

## Biology

Biology is the study of living things and the environment around us. The S3 Biology course is split into three topics which includes a number of practical activities throughout the year:

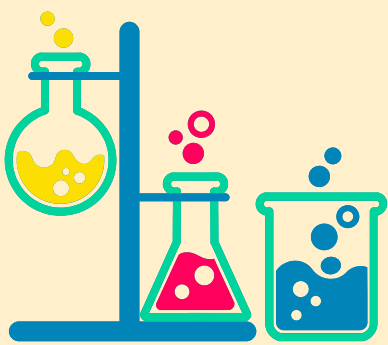
- Cell Biology
- Multicellular Organisms
- Life on Earth

You will also have the opportunity to achieve units at National 4 level.



## Chemistry

Chemistry studies the properties of elements and compounds and how they interact with each other. The S3 Chemistry course is split into three topics which includes a number of practical activities throughout the year:



- Chemical Changes and Structure
- Nature's Chemistry
- Chemistry in Society

You will also have the opportunity to achieve units at National 4 level.

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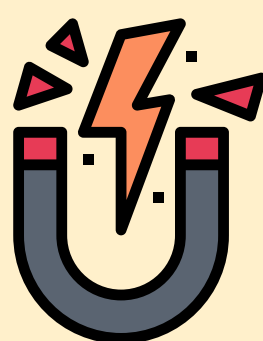
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# Physics

Physics is the science of matter and the different types of energy around us. The S3 Physics course is split into three topics which includes a number of practical activities throughout the year:

- Electricity and Energy
- Waves and Radiation
- Dynamics and Space

You will also have the opportunity to achieve units at National 4 level.



# Accounts

Develop important skills such as problem solving, numeracy, and thinking. This course combines the practical and theoretical aspects of learning related to accounting, allowing you to use ICT to complete tasks using spreadsheets.

This course is designed for pupils who enjoy numeracy-based learning opportunities, who pay attention to detail and who like to apply logical and analytical thinking. This course is not like Maths, so don't be put off if you think you are not good at Maths! So, if you like business and problem solving then you will be good at Accounting!



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# Admin & IT

Gain practical IT skills that will support your learning in other subjects and help you in any future career. We will use software including:

- Excel
- Access
- Word
- PowerPoint
- Publisher
- Outlook (Email & Ediary)
- Internet Research



Pupils will have the opportunity to gain a level 4 touch typing award.

# Computing Science



Computing Science will provide opportunities for practical project-based learning, focusing on:

- Web design
- Databases
- Programming (Python)
- Computer systems

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# Spanish

Learning a foreign language enables young people to develop the skills to communicate, develop problem solving and interpersonal skills. The S3 Spanish course aims to:

- Enhance communication skills
- Gain a deeper understanding and enjoyment of other cultures
- Develop transferable language learning skills



# Practical Woodworking

- In S3 Practical Woodworking, you will gain practical skills in construction techniques using a variety of different woods. You will also have the opportunity to achieve units at National 4 level.



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# Graphic Communication

- In S3 Graphic Communication you will be using Computer Aided Design software, Desktop Publishing software and manual techniques to produce a variety of preliminary, production and promotional graphics like 3D CAD models or infographics. You will also have the opportunity to achieve units at National 4 level.



# Home Economics

- In S3, you will continue to develop your skills in working with various ingredients, techniques and approaches, whilst building your knowledge of nutrition and dietary needs. You will also have the opportunity to achieve units at National 4 level.



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## Art & Design

- The course encourages learners to be creative and to express themselves in different ways. Learning through Art and Design helps learners to develop an appreciation of artistic and cultural values, identities and ideas. Learners will experiment with media, equipment and materials to develop creative techniques. They will develop their problem-solving skills through Design tasks.



## Got to Move

- You will work towards gaining a National Progression Award where you will develop a range of technical dance skills through Jazz, Contemporary and Commercial dance. You will create a dance using your knowledge and understanding of choreography skills, and consider how theatre arts can enhance a performance. You will develop your leadership skills by leading small groups to help further consolidate confidence, dancing knowledge and understanding



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# Music

In S3, you will continue to develop your skills in performing and listening, and develop new skills in composing and creating new music.

You will learn about music in different styles and cultures, and will be expected to carefully manage your time to keep up with individual practise. You will also have the opportunity to achieve units at National 4 level.



# Drama

In S3, you will continue to work with others to create and perform pieces of drama, using theatre arts as well as performing.

You will rehearse scripted drama pieces as well as devising your own pieces.

You will be expected to work with everyone in your class and to perform in every lesson.

You will also have the opportunity to achieve units at National 4 level.



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# Business Studies

You will develop all the skills needed to run or work in a successful business.

Topics will include:

- Entrepreneurs
- Operations
- Marketing
- Stakeholders
- Training
- Finance



You will work towards a unit of your level 4 Scottish Award in this course.

# Film and Media

In S3 Media we look at movies in a whole new way, creating storyboards and productions and linking with external professionals, which include Sky Television, the BBC.

This course will provide the opportunity to achieve National 4 in Media, as well as set you up with the skills and knowledge to take on the level 5 NPA course in Media in S4.

You will work as a class, in groups and teams to learn about the skills that lie behind the many careers in film. Events with professionals and trips out to externally run events/film presentations form part of the course.



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# Geography

Geography helps you to understand everything you see around you. It is about the world and the people in it. Learn about:

- Weather
- Climate Change
- Hurricanes
- Population and Development
- Urban Landscapes
- Poverty
- ...and lots more!



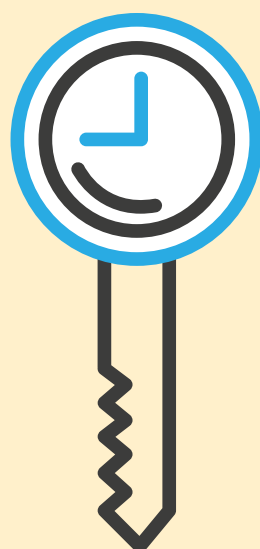
# History

History is the study of the past, the events and people that have shaped our world today.

Learn about:

- World War 1
- The Atlantic Slave Trade
- Europe in the 1930s

There will also be some opportunities to study other areas of history that interest you.



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# Modern Studies

Modern Studies helps you to understand the social and political forces that shape your life. In S3 we will look at:

- Crime and Deviance
- Power and Status
- Researching Skills

Why Modern Studies?

- Modern Studies is relevant and interesting
- Modern Studies is local, national and international!
- Modern Studies leads to exciting professional careers



# Physical Education

This course is designed for pupils who enjoy all Physical activities! You will cover:

- Get Physical: how fitness affects performance and how we can test and improve our fitness
- Get Composing: Different compositional elements and forms we can include when creating routines in dance and gymnastics
- Get Tactical: How performers can use and adapt strategies to be successful and to prevent opponents scoring
- Get Skilful: How we break skills down and how we can improve your skills and techniques
- Get Ready: understand the mental factors which can impact on performance

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