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S3/4/5 Coursing 2024



Senior Phase Curriculum

- Moving from Broad General Education to Senior Phase S4-6 (flexible pathways)
- Building on Experiences and Outcomes from S1-3
- Extend and Deepen learning – expectations & increase in pace and challenge
- Providing specialisation, depth and rigour
- Preparing young people to achieve the highest level of qualifications they are capable of
- Continue to develop skills for life, learning & work
- Support learners to move on to whatever their next stage is







Dec 23 – CLs choose appropriate courses to offer & Course Choice Sheet agreed

Dec 23 – [Course Choice Booklet](#) and [Subject Infographics](#) available on new website

Tuesday 30th Jan 6.00pm – meet with parents

Wednesday 1st Feb – S3-5 students meet with Mr Ennis in school hall for coursing briefing & thereafter start to consider choices ahead of meeting with PSLs

Read about courses in Senior School Course Choice Booklet & Infographics



Reports & Coursing

- S4-5 reports will go home around 1st March
- By Friday 9th Feb - All S3 to be coursed by PSLs
- Friday 10th March – All S4-5 to be coursed by PSLs
- Friday 10th March – Absolute deadline for Coursing



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Re-Coursing

- In March/April, prior to SQA exams, due to low uptake and courses not running
- In August, after SQA results



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All New S4 Students

- All new S4 students must choose to study 7 subjects. Two of these subjects must be English and Maths. The rest should follow on from curricular areas they have studied already in S3
- Students must also choose 2 Reserve subjects
- In addition to these choices, you will have –
- One period of Social Education, one periods of PE, and one period of Social Subjects (with some choice).



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All New S5 Students

- All new S5 students must choose to study 6 subjects in the order you prefer, as well as 2 Reserve subjects
- In addition to these choices, you will have –
- One period of Personal Development and one period of PE
- Literacy / Numeracy Nat 5 – classes will need to be taken here if you do not already have these qualifications by this stage
- Short Courses– if you are not taking many *Higher* level subjects, we will look to increase your qualifications and skills in our Short Course classes – they are compulsory



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- All new S6 students must choose 6 subjects (exceptions - Advanced Higher)
- Students must submit 6 subject choices in the order you prefer, as well as 2 Reserve subjects

In addition to these choices, you will have -

- One period of Personal Development & one period for prefect duties
- Literacy / Numeracy Nat 5 – classes will need to be taken here if you do not already have these qualifications by this stage

All New S6 Students



Levels	SCQF 4	SCQF 5	SCQF 6	SCQF 7
	Includes National 4, National Progression Awards level 4 and Skills for Work level 4	Includes National 5, National Progression Awards level 5 and Skills for Work level 5	Includes Higher, National Progression Awards level 6 and Skills for Work level 6	Includes Advanced Higher
		Accounts	Accounts	
	Application of Maths	Application of Maths		
	Admin & IT	Admin & IT	Admin & IT	
	Art & Design	Art & Design	Art & Design	Art & Design
	Biology	Biology	Biology	Biology
	Bus Management	Bus Management	Bus Management	
		Business with IT	Business with IT	
	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry
	COLLEGE	COLLEGE	COLLEGE	
	Computer Games Dev	Computer Games Dev	Computer Games Dev	
	Computing	Computing	Computing	
	Customer Service	Customer Service		
		Dance	Dance	
	Drama	Drama	Drama	Drama
	Early Education & Childcare	Early Education & Childcare		
	Engineering Skills	Engineering Skills		
	English	English	English	English
	ESOL	ESOL		
	Esports	Esports		
			Excellence in Sport (S5&6)	
			Film & Media	
	French	French	French	
	Geography	Geography	Geography	Geography
	Graphic Comm	Graphic Comm	Graphic Comm	
		Health Sector NPA		
	History	History	History	
			Journalism (S5&6 only)	
		Lab Science		
				LEAPS Transition (S6 only)
	Maths	Maths (S4 only)	Maths	Maths
		Maths (S5&6 only)		
		Mod Languages for Life & Work	Mod Languages for Life & Work	
	Modern Studies	Modern Studies	Modern Studies	Modern Studies
	Music	Music	Music	Music
			Music Business (S5&6 only)	
			Music Production (S5&6 only)	
	PE	PE	PE	
		PE Leadership (S5&6 only)	PE Leadership (S5&6 only)	
	Personal Finance (S5&6)	Personal Finance (S5/6 only)		
		Photography	Photography	
	Physics	Physics	Physics	Physics
		Practical Cake Craft		
	Practical Cookery	Practical Cookery		
	Practical Woodwork	Practical Woodwork		
	RMPS	RMPS	RMPS	RMPS
			Software Technologies (S5&6 only)	
			Sociology (S6 only)	
	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	
	Sport & Rec (S4 only)	Sport & Rec (S4 only)		
	Travel & Tourism	Travel & Tourism		



To choose the correct courses, i.e. subjects and levels, you need to research the courses by....

Reading the course descriptors in the [course choice booklet](#) - This is now on the school website

Have a read over the [Infographics](#) to help

Speaking to your teachers if you need to

List your 6/7 subjects and pass to PSLs





Courses in other establishments

Neighbourhood

In addition, if you find it difficult to follow your preferred combination of subjects in Forrester, you may be able to travel to another school to take a particular course. Full details of these courses will be available from your Pupil Support Leader



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Courses in other establishments



College

Courses on offer at College for session 2024-2025 – Pupil Support Leaders (PSLs) will share this with students

Interested students should read the Edinburgh College Information from PSLs to ensure they are fully aware of what each course involves.



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Look at the grid sheet, pick 6/7 subjects plus 2 Reserves in order of which you prefer

Make sure you get recommendations for these subjects from CLs

Pass those subject lists to your PSL

Your PSL will then meet with you to confirm the 6 choices (for S3 into S4) or 5 choices (for S4 into S5 and S5 into S6) to use. You will also need Two Reserves (R)

By Friday 10th March – Coursing complete





Parent Support

Please speak to your parents as they will be able to support you to make your choices!



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Questions



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