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S3/4/5 Coursing 2025

Welcome



Pauline Walker
Interim Headteacher



Martin Ennis
Depute Headteacher

**COMING
SOON**



Stephen Small
Headteacher Feb 25

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"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful."

- Albert Schweitzer



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“Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.”

—Albert Einstein





Senior Phase Curriculum

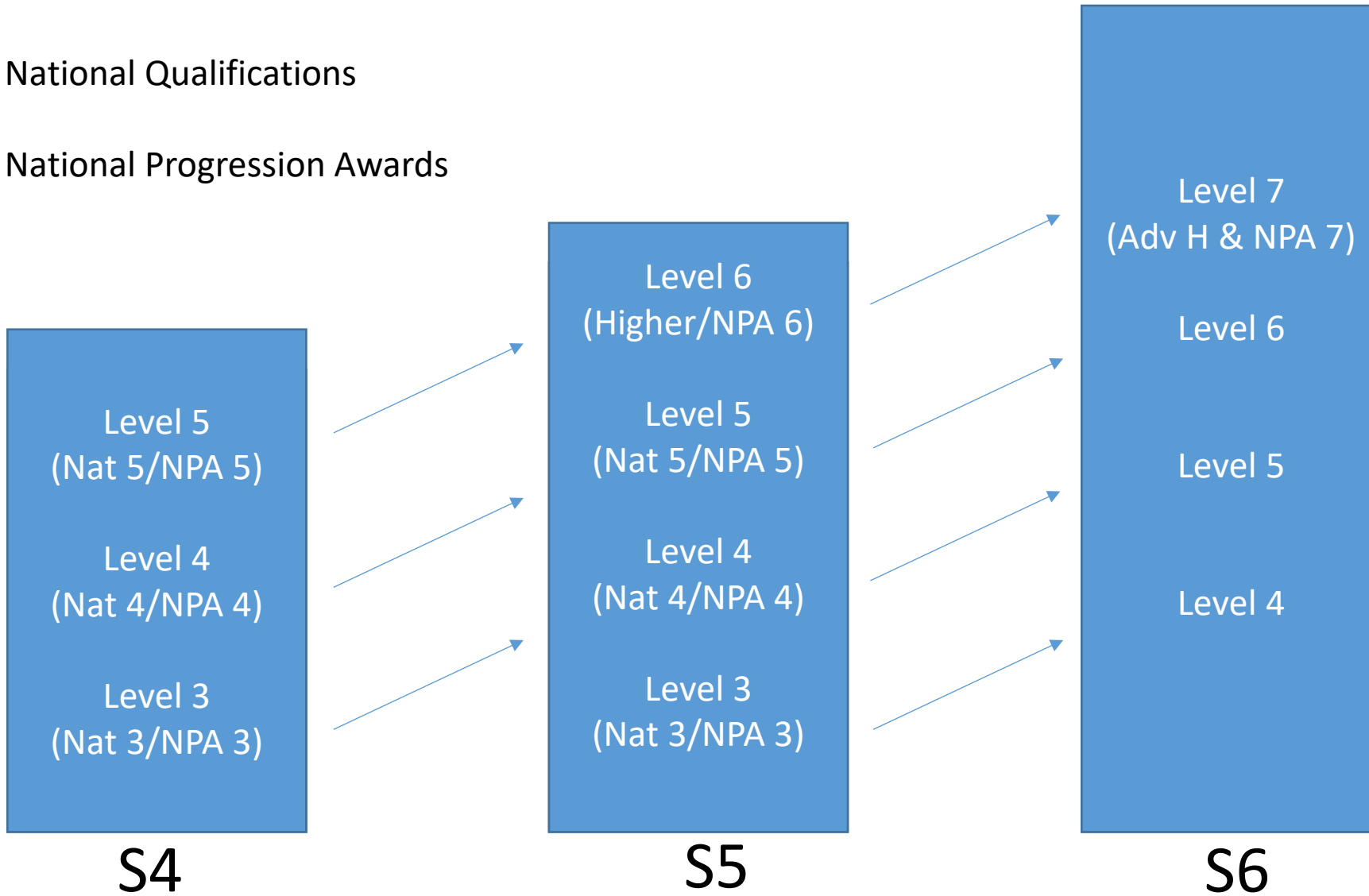
- Moving from Broad General Education to Senior Phase S4-6 (flexible pathways)
- Building on Experiences and Outcomes from S1-3
- Extend and Deepen learning – expectations & increase in pace and challenge
- Providing specialisation, depth and rigour
- Preparing young people to achieve the highest level 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 (Pathways)





National Qualifications

National Progression Awards





Dec 24 – CLs choose appropriate courses to offer & Course Choice Sheet agreed

Dec 24 – [Course Choice Booklet](#) and [Subject Infographics](#) available on new website

Tuesday 21st Jan 5.30pm – meet with parents

Thursday 23rd Jan – 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

- S3 Parent's Night – 28/1
- Week of 17th Feb - All S3 to be coursed by PSLs
- S4-5 reports will go home around 26th Feb
- Week of 3rd March - All S4/5 to be coursed by PSLs
- Friday 14th 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 (5 subjects if all are at level 6)
- 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 – we will look to boost student attainment through participation in 1 period of Wider Achievement per week



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- All new S6 students must choose 6 subjects (exceptions - Advanced Higher & only need 5 subjects if all at level 6 minimum)
- 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
- 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



Level	SCQF 4	SCQF 5	SCQF 6	SCQF 7
	Includer National 4, National Progression Award level 4 and Skills for Work level 4	Includer National 5, National Progression Award level 5 and Skills for Work level 5	Includer Higher, National Progression Award level 6 and Skills for Work level 6	Includer Advanced Higher
		Accounts	Accounts	
	Application of Maths	Application of Maths	Application of Maths	
	Admin and IT	Admin and IT	Admin and IT	
	Art and Design	Art and Design	Art and Design	Art and Design
		Barista		
	Biology	Biology	Biology	Biology
	Bus Management	Bus Management	Bus Management	
		Business with IT		
			Business Skills	
	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry
	COLLEGE	COLLEGE	COLLEGE	
	Computer Games Dev	Computer Games Dev	Computer Games Dev	
	Computing Science	Computing Science	Computing Science	
	Computing Technologies	Computing Technologies	Computing Technologies	
			Customer Services (S506 only)	
		Dance	Dance	
	Drama	Drama	Drama	Drama
	Early Education & Childcare	Early Education & Childcare		
	Engineering Skills	Engineering Skills		
	English	English	English	English
		Exports	Exports	
			Film & Media	
	French	French	French	
	Geography	Geography	Geography	Geography
	Graphic Comm	Graphic Comm	Graphic Comm	
		Health Sector NPA		
	History	History	History	
			Journalism	
		Lab Science		
				LEAPS Transition (S6 only)
	Maths	Maths (S4 only)	Maths	Maths
		Maths (S506 only)		
		Med Languages for Life & Work	Med Languages for Life & Work	
	Modern Studies	Modern Studies	Modern Studies	Modern Studies
	Music	Music	Music	Music
			Music Business (S506 only)	
			Music Production (S506 only)	
	PE	PE	PE	
		PE Leadership (S506 only)	PE Leadership (S506 only)	
		Personal Development (S506)	Personal Development (S506)	
		Personal Finance (S506 only)	Personal Finance (S506 only)	
		Photography	Photography	
	Physics	Physics	Physics	Physics
	Practical Cookery	Practical Cookery		
	Practical Woodwork	Practical Woodwork		
			Scientific Technologies (S506)	
	Social Studies (S4 only)			
			Sociology (S6 only)	
	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	
			Sports Coaching & Refereeing (S506 only)	
	Sport & Rec (S4 only)	Sport & Rec (S4 only)		
			Theatre Studies (S506 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

College



Courses on offer at College for session 2025-2026 – 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 7th 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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