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Course Choice Presentation March 2025

**Moving from S2 into S3
Miss Steel (DHT, S2)
Mrs. J. Hutton (DHT, S3)**

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Curriculum for Excellence S1 – S3

The Broad General Education (BGE)

Focus on experiences and outcomes across all curricular areas

Develop skills for learning, life and work

Achieve levels 2, 3 and 4 (for some pupils)

S3 – a continuation of BGE with some choice from the curricular areas

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Personalisation and Choice

First real opportunity for choice

17 subjects -----→ 9 subjects

Choice - but still broad education

Important decisions affect what pupils can study
in the Senior Phase (S4 – S6)

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What subjects should pupils pick?

Subjects they are good at

Subjects they enjoy

Subjects they need for a future career

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Reasons for **NOT** picking a subject

Because they like the teacher

Because their friends are picking that subject

Because they have heard the subject has no homework

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S3 Course Personalisation & Choice Form 2025/2026

Name: _____ Guid Group: _____

- Pupils must choose one option from columns D – I. Circle your choice.
- When indicating a choice, **please note classes will only run where staffing and numbers are viable.**
- If a subject you wish to take does not appear in the column, please explain this in the problem box below.

D	E	F	G	H	I
Biology Chemistry Physics	Geography History Modern Studies	Accounts Art & Design Business Management Dance Practical Cookery Music PE Studies Practical Woodworking Spanish	Administration Business Management Engineering Science Graphic Communication Health & Food Tech Music Technology PE Studies Physics	Art & Design Biology Chemistry Geography Graphic Communication Health & Food Tech History Practical Cookery Music PE Studies Physics	Administration Biology Chemistry Computing Practical Cookery Modern Studies Music PE Studies Practical Woodworking RMPS (Religious, Moral & Philosophical Studies) Spanish
Unable to choose a subject you want to take? Please write subject in the next box and detail the clash preventing choice.					

PT Guidance Signature: _____ Comment: _____ _____	Parent Signature :	Date:
	Pupil Signature:	Date:

Return Date: 23rd April 2025



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What you choose for S3

Col. A

English

Col. B

Maths

Col. C

French

Col. D

Select **a science**

Col. E.

Select **a social subject**

Col. F

Your choice

Col. G

Your choice

Col. H

Your choice

Col. I

Your choice

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Options Columns

A	B	C
English	Maths	French (for some pupils Learning across the curriculum)

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Options Columns

D	E	F
Biology Chemistry Physics	Geography History Modern Studies	Accounts Art & Design Business Management Dance Practical Cookery Music PE Studies Practical Woodworking

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Options Columns

G	H	I
Administration Business Management Engineering Science Graphic Communication HFT Music Technology PE Studies Physics	Art & Design Biology Chemistry Geography Graphic Communication HFT History Practical Cookery Music PE Studies Physics	Administration Biology Chemistry Computing Practical Cookery Modern Studies Music PE Studies Practical Woodworking RMPS Spanish

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Supporting Course Choice

PSE Programme (Careers Lessons – Planning for Choices and Changes and My WoW)

SDS (Skills Development Scotland/Careers Service)

S2 **Assemblies**

“Which Course?” booklet and power-point presentation
(school web-site)

School **Reports** – Monitoring and Tracking (M and T) and full S2 report (March)

Course Choice **Interview** (Guidance Teacher)

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Course Choice Timeline 2024/25

Date/Month	Activity/Support
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents evening• Careers lessons in PSE• SDS visit PSE classes
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSE Careers lessons continue
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Which Course?” booklet and S3 Course Personalisation and Choice form on school web-site• S2 full reports issued• Guidance interviews (one-to-one)
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course Choice information returned (on a Glow form) <u>by Wednesday 26th of April</u>

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Before you complete the form

Talk to parents/carers/family about their strengths/career interests/likes/dislikes

Do some research -

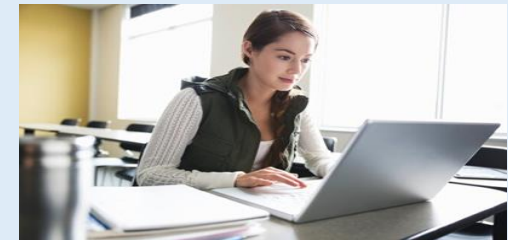
www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk

www.myworldofwork.co.uk

Talk to their teachers

Prepare for their Guidance interview

Form return date – Wednesday 26th April



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S3 Curriculum for Excellence

- S3 is the bridge between BGE and Senior Phase
- Requirement for a broad curriculum to ensure pathways are not cut off too early
- Continues BGE coursework up to 3rd Level and extending into 4th Level
- Links to and paves way to National Qualifications (N4 and N5)

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Monday	Biology CfE Dr Kirdoda S6	History CfE Mr Park C13	Geography CfE Mr Cameron B14	Art & Design CfE Miss Reid D5	English CfE Mrs Hendy A5	Mathematics CfE Mrs Sitch C8	Music CfE Ms Primrose D8
Tuesday	History CfE Ms Baxter C6	Personal & Social Education CfE Mrs McClure B17	English CfE Mrs Hendy A5	Music CfE Mr McEwan D8	Art & Design CfE Miss Reid D5	French CfE Ms McDonald B17	Geography CfE Mr Metcalfe B2
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Wednesday	Religious and Moral Education (Core) CfE Mrs Davidson D14	English CfE Mrs Hendy A7	History CfE Mr Park C13	Spanish CfE Miss McLean B12	Biology CfE Dr Kirdoda S6	Mathematics CfE Mrs Sitch C8	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Thursday	English CfE Mrs Elliott A1	Geography CfE Mr Metcalfe B2	Mathematics CfE Mrs Sitch C3	French CfE Ms McDonald B17	Music CfE Mr McEwan D8	Spanish CfE Miss McLean B12	Physical Education (Core) CfE Miss Leishman
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Friday	Mathematics CfE Mrs Sitch C8	Art & Design CfE Miss Reid D5	Physical Education (Core) CfE Miss Leishman	Biology CfE Dr Kirdoda S6	French CfE Ms Varenne-Paidney B15	Spanish CfE Miss McLean B12	



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Allocation of time

English	4 periods
Mathematics	4 periods
Religious Education	1 period
Core Physical Education	2 periods
Personal and Social Education	<u>1 period</u>
	12 periods
7 other Subjects @ 3 periods each	21 periods
Total	33 periods

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Importance of getting choice right

S3 subjects lead into S4 subject choice when you reduce from your 9 subjects in S3 to 7 subjects in S4

You cannot take up a subject in S4 if this has not been studied in S3

Consider potential career aspirations and their subject requirements

Subject choice in S3 therefore must be well informed

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Assessments in S3-Throughout the year there will be class tests in all subjects.

S3 Assessment Schedule September to October 2023

The following schedule is designed to help you plan out your study and revision time.

Principal Teachers and class teachers will provide more specific dates and information regarding each assessment to pupils nearer to the assessment time. (Clearly, dates of assessments may be subject to change due to adverse circumstances.)

Timing	Subject	Assessment Topic
<u>Mid September</u>	Geography Graphic Communication Modern Studies Physics RME RME RME	Coastal Unit (wb 11 th of Sept) Colour Theory - WB 11 th September Development in Africa KU Questions (13 th of Sept) Waves and Radiation (wb 18 th of Sept) 3L – 8 th of Sept 3J and 3K 11 th of Sept 3M – 14 th of Sept
<u>Early October</u>	French Business Management Computing Science	Writing (wb 2 nd of Oct) Unit 1.1 Business Activity Assessment (wb 9 th of Oct) Software Design Development – (wb 9 th Oct)



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S3 - Completing the Broad General Education

S3 courses completed May 2026 regardless of further study

Preparation for Senior Phase beginning S4

Further information evening session to prepare for S4 choices

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