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Course Choice Presentation February 2026

**Moving from S2 into S3
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 2026/2027

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.

C	D	E	F	G	H	I
French Spanish	Biology Chemistry Physics	Geography History Modern Studies	Accounts Art & Design Business Management Dance French Practical Cookery Music PE Studies Practical Woodworking Spanish	Administration Business Management Engineering Science French 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: Friday 24th April 2026



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What you choose for S3

Col. A	English
Col. B	Maths
Col. C	French or Spanish
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 or Spanish (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 French Practical Cookery Music PE Studies Practical Woodworking Spanish

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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)

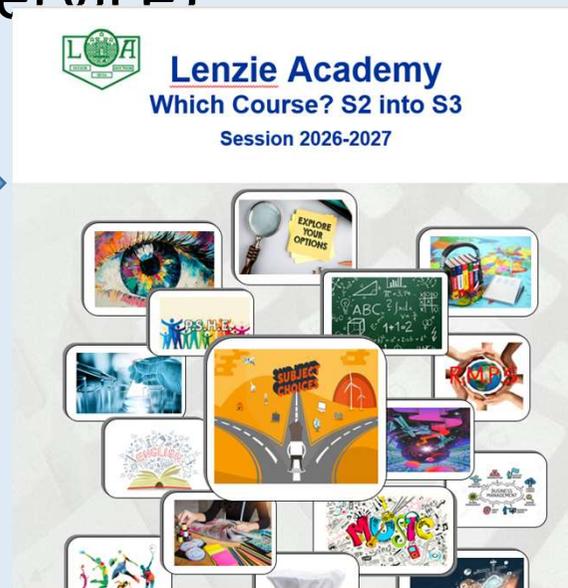
S2 Assemblies

“Which Course?” booklet

Power-point presentation
(school web-site)

School Reports –Parents evening and
2 reports (Nov/March)

Course Choice Interview (Guidance Teacher)



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Course Choice Timeline 2025/26

Date/Month	Activity/Support
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Careers lessons in PSE• SDS visit PSE classes
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents Evening
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Which Course?” booklet and S3 Course Personalisation and Choice form on school website
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• S2 Reports issued• Guidance interviews (one-to-one)
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course Choice information returned (on a Glow form) by Friday 24th of April

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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 – Friday 24th 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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Monday	Graphic Communication C/E Mrs Forrest T7	Mathematics C/E Mr McKenzie C2	English C/E Mr Quinn A3	Physics C/E Mr Wadham S13	French C/E Miss McLean B12	Personal & Social Education C/E Mr Curran C4	Practical Woodworking C/E Mr Dalziel T2
Tuesday	Chemistry C/E Miss Sood S3	Practical Woodworking C/E Mr Dalziel T2	French C/E Miss McLean B12	Geography C/E Miss Crawford B2	Engineering Science C/E Mr Reid T1	English C/E Mr Quinn A3	Mathematics C/E Mr McKenzie C2
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Wednesday	Engineering Science C/E Mr Reid T8	Physics C/E Mr Wadham S13	Chemistry C/E Miss Sood S3	Mathematics C/E Mr McKenzie C2	Graphic Communication C/E Mr Edwards T7	English C/E Mr Quinn A3	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Thursday	Graphic Communication C/E Mrs Forrest T7	PE Core School Mr Lockhead	Geography C/E Miss Crawford B10	French C/E Miss McLean B12	Practical Woodworking C/E Mr Dalziel T2	Mathematics C/E Miss Sutton C9	Engineering Science C/E Mr Reid T8
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Friday	Chemistry C/E Miss Sood S3	English C/E Mr Quinn A3	Geography C/E Miss Crawford B10	PE Core School Miss Auld	Religious and Moral Education (Core) C/E Ms McLaggan D12	Physics C/E Mr Wadham S13	



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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	1 period
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	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.

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Date	Subject	Details
WB 01.09	Eng Science	Systems and Controls
WB 08.09	Practical Cookery	Skills Theory
WB 08.09	Physics	Waves Assessment
WB 08.09	Mod Studies Col D	Development in Africa
WB 08.09	Biology	Cells and Reproduction
WB 08.09	Graphics	Colour Theory
WB 15.09	Mod Studies Col E	Development in Africa
WB 15.09	Geography	Coastal Unit Test
WB 15.09	Chemistry	Topic 1.1 and 1.2
WB 22.09	Practical Cookery	Skills Practical
WB 29.09	Computing	Software Design
WB 29.09	Admin and IT	Word Processing
WB 29.09	Business	Intro to Business
WB 29.09	French	Reading Comp
WB 29.09	Spanish	Listening Comp
WB 29.09	PE	Physical Factors
WB 06.10	Maths	Level 4+ Non Cal
WB 06.10	Dance	Jazz <u>prac</u> and written
WB 06.10	RMPS	Hinduism, Morality and Justice

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S3 - Completing the Broad General Education

S3 courses completed May 2027 regardless of further study

Preparation for Senior Phase beginning S4

Further information evening session to prepare for S4 choices

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