Subject Choices

Our community strives to meet the needs of all to achieve their potential within a culture of ambition and self-worth".

CARE

- Community

- Aspiration of Achievement & Attainment

- Resilience

- Ethos

Aims

- Clarify curriculum model for academic session 2024/25.

- Explain options process for S2 and future senior phase pupils in S3, S4 and S5.

- Clarify the role of:
  - Subject teachers
  - Personal support teachers
  - Support staff
  - Principal teachers (curriculum and student support)
  - HT/DHT

- Highlight support material available for pupils, staff and parents.

- Raise awareness and understanding of pathways, alternative qualifications and Foundation Apprenticeships.

Who does what?

Subject teachers

▶ Ensuring pupils understand their tracking and monitoring.

▶ Advising pupils on levels for progression – what does their future look like in the subject/curricular area?

▶ Advising pupils on employment opportunities, links to the real world etc.

SET teachers

▶ Supporting pupils through the options process.

▶ Signposting other staff (subject teachers, student support, SDS etc.)

▶ Signposting support material (choice booklet, MWOW, UCAS, course specifications etc.)

▶ Ensuring the options process is supported and informed – carrying out the initial interview to discuss and evaluate this.

Who does what?

Principal Teacher of Support (PTS)

▶ Will meet with S4 / S5 pupils to discuss options and forms.

▶ Details of meetings are in the pupil briefing

Parents / Carers

▶ Will discuss options with pupils and support the process.

▶ Any questions can be directed to the school.

Who does what?

HT/DHT

▶ Final mop up interview with every pupil regarding quality and suitability of choices.

▶ Liaising with SET and PTS teachers regarding concerns and issues.

Option Pathway

▶ The Broad General Education in S1 to S3 is intended to build a strong platform for later learning and successful transition into the Senior Phase including accessing the National Qualifications at an appropriate level for each learner.
At present pupils follow this common curriculum in S1 and S2.

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S1	English				Maths				Science			Social Subjects			MFL			Tech — Technical / Technical	Bus/ICT — Bus/ICT / Bus/ICT	Expressive Arts — Drama / Music / Art							HWB — PE / HE				Per Sup & PSE		RMPS
S2	English				Maths				Science			Social Subjects			MFL			Tech — Technical / Technical	Computing — Bus/ICT / Bus/ICT	Expressive Arts — Drama / Music / Art							HWB — PE / HE				Per Sup & PSE		RMPS

S3 Curriculum

- Pupils will have access to the full range of courses in the Senior Phase and study each subject over two years.

- In S3 pupils continue to follow courses within all 8 curricular areas but can personalise through options.

- The provision of choice in S3 guarantees breadth of learning whilst also allowing for deeper learning.

- **S3 choices build a strong platform for later learning and successful transition into the Senior Phase.**

Language	Maths	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4	Choice 5	HWB & RME	TOTAL P/W	
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	33	
English	Maths	5 Choices which mainly consist of NQs. A small number of pupils select vocational options					PE (2) PSE (1) PS (1) RME (1)		

Progression

Curriculum Structure Year 2023/24

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S1	English				Maths				Science			Social Subjects			MFL			Tech / Technical	Technical	Bus/ICT / Bus/ICT	Bus/ICT	Expressive Arts / Drama / Music	Music	Art			HWB / PE	PE	HE		Per Sup & PSE		RMPS
S2	English				Maths				Science			Social Subjects			MFL			Tech / Technical	Technical	Computing / Bus/ICT	Bus/ICT	Expressive Arts / Drama / Music	Music	Art			HWB / PE	PE	HE		Per Sup & PSE		RMPS
S3	English				Maths				Choice 1			Choice 2			Choice 3			Choice 4				Choice 5					PE				Per Sup & PSE		RMPS
S4	English				Maths				Choice 1			Choice 2			Choice 3			Choice 4				Choice 5					PE				Per Sup & PSE		RMPS
S5/6	Choice 1						Choice 2					Choice 3						Choice 4						Choice 5							Per Sup & PSE		RMPS

Options

- **Helping to Make Choices** .

- Assemblies for all year groups giving guidance and signposting.

- Parent information evening.

- DYW Guide to Ucas, Employment, and Apprenticeship Day

- My World of Work website online **https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options**

- Subject leaflets offering information on content and progression of subjects uploaded in year groups in Glow.

- College roadshows

- Option choice interviews with PT Support are available to discuss and finalise choices.

THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at www.scqf.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.

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SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications				Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12					Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11					Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10					Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9				Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma			Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate			Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher					Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5					Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award			SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3					
2	National 2, Awards					
1	National 1, Awards					

Option form

- Please circle <u>one subject</u> in each group

- Please choose one reserve subject

- You can only choose a subject once.

- Get your teachers signature to show they support your choices

- Ask a parent/carer to sign this form so they also agree with your choices

How Many Options Should You Take?

S5 pupils must choose 5 subjects to fill the timetable.

S6 pupils are encouraged to take 5 subjects but may choose 4. An exception to this rule would be if an Advanced Higher course is chosen. Please refer to table.

S6 only	
Advanced Highers	
3	Sufficient workload
2	Need 1 more subject
1	Need 2 more subjects

Advanced Higher Students require to spend significant additional time in their Subject area studying – the pupils must make this arrangement.

S5/6 Curriculum – Senior Phase

College Academy Courses

https://www.dumgal.ac.uk/college-academy-senior-phase-offer

Foundation Apprenticeships

https://www.apprenticeships.scot/become-an-apprentice/foundation-apprenticeships
Food and Drink
Creative Technologies

Remote Learning through South West Connects

@South-West Connects 2024/25 Digital Prospectus (cloud.microsoft)
AH History, AH English, AH Maths, AH Spanish, AH Graphic Communication, Higher
Politics.

Edinburgh College

https://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/courses/for-school-pupils Modern Languages

SRUC College

https://www.sruc.ac.uk/courses-training/ways-of-learning/courses-for-schools/
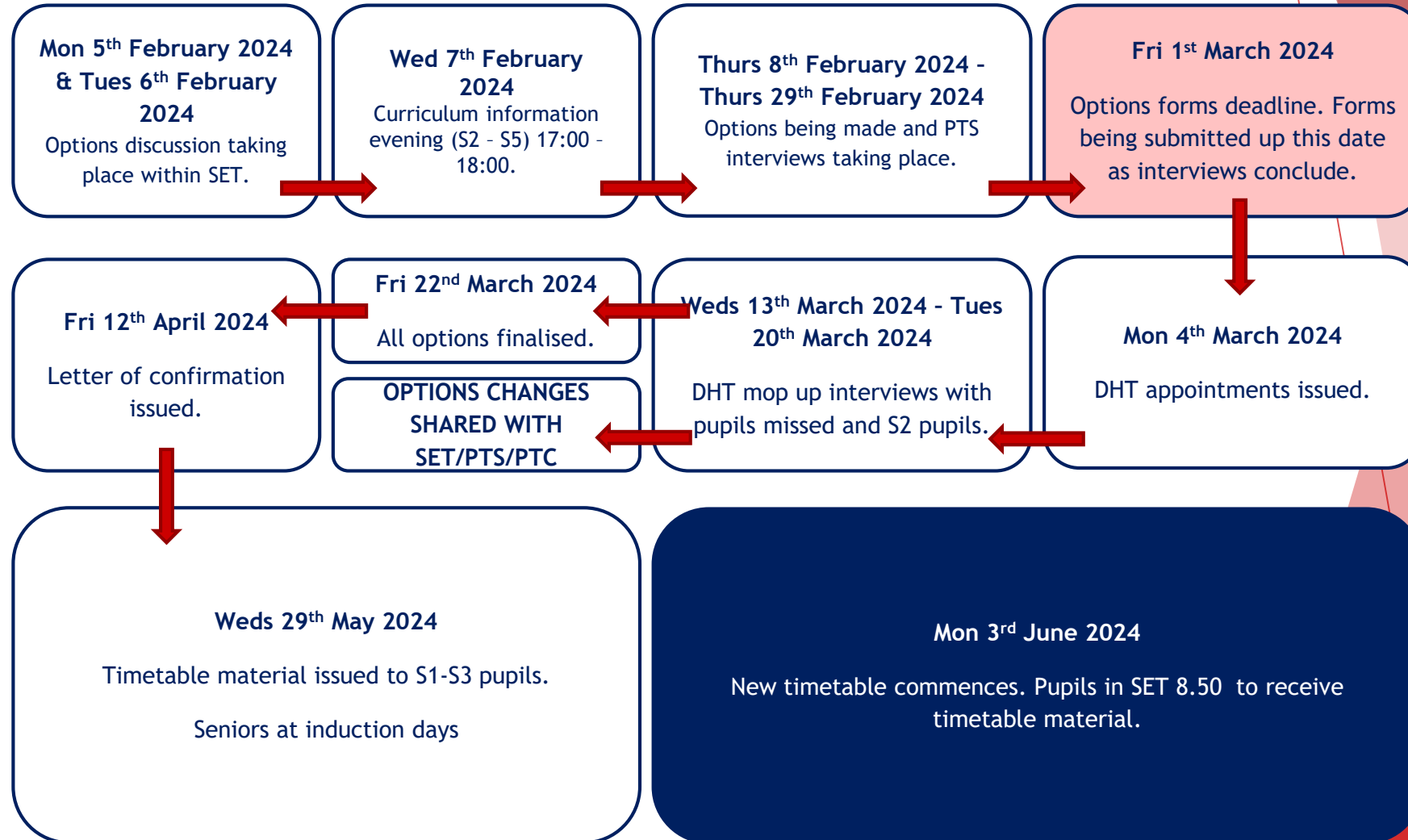Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Care, Veterinary Terminology

YASS Courses

https://www.open.ac.uk/scotland/study/courses-schools-and-early-
learning/young-applicants-schools-scheme

Options process

Mon 5th February 2024 & Tues 6th February 2024
Options discussion taking place within SET.

Wed 7th February 2024
Curriculum information evening (S2 – S5) 17:00 – 18:00.

Thurs 8th February 2024 – Thurs 29th February 2024
Options being made and PTS interviews taking place.

Fri 1st March 2024
Options forms deadline. Forms being submitted up this date as interviews conclude.

Fri 12th April 2024
Letter of confirmation issued.

Fri 22nd March 2024
All options finalised.

OPTIONS CHANGES SHARED WITH SET/PTS/PTC

Weds 13th March 2024 - Tues 20th March 2024
DHT mop up interviews with pupils missed and S2 pupils.

Mon 4th March 2024
DHT appointments issued.

Weds 29th May 2024
Timetable material issued to S1-S3 pupils.

Seniors at induction days

Mon 3rd June 2024
New timetable commences. Pupils in SET 8.50 to receive timetable material.

Good reasons for picking a subject

I am good at it and hope to study it further at the next academic level.

I enjoy it / it interests me.

I need it for my career.

Deadline – 1st March