

S2 into S3 Personalisation & Choice FAQs

How many subjects can I take in S3?

You will have 8 core subjects – English, Maths, PE, PSE, RME, Personal Finance, Interdisciplinary Learning and Literacy. You will also have 7 other subjects. You have to choose one subject from each curricular area (Expressive Arts, Humanities, Science and Technologies) and three electives which can be from any area.

How many periods do I get of each subject per week?

You have 3 periods of Maths & English; 2 periods of PE; 1 period each of PSE, RME, Personal Financial Literacy, Interdisciplinary Learning and Literacy. You have 2 periods per week for each of your chosen subjects.

How do I know what courses will be like?

Please read over the S2 into S3 Personalisation & Choice book. You will find every subject in this book with information on what you will study, how you will learn, homework, how you will be assessed and progression routes. You can find this on the school website or follow this link to download the information book:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ox38RsiElgJF_2TDRvFBka-6y1dOYoVg/view?usp=sharing

Can I change my mind?

It is highly likely that it won't be possible to move into a different subject once you have shared your choices with us as classes may already be full.

Can I choose a different subject when I get into S4?

It is possible, but not advised. The work that you complete in S3 will involve you learning the knowledge and skills which will be needed for you to be successful in S4 so it is important to make good choices in S3.

How many subjects do I take in S4?

6 subjects in total, plus PE and PSE. You will have English and Maths plus four choices.

Where do I enter my choices for S3:

We will share the link to the Google Form with you on Google Classroom. This will be shared on 25th February.

My parents did a different qualification in S4. How do they find out about Nationals?

This link will help compare new with old qualifications:

<https://scaf.org.uk/media/zd0f4ka3/old-v-new.pdf>

How do I know what courses I need for a job or course I want to do?

A broad range of courses in S3 will help prepare you for the world of work and build towards course requirements for college and university. Most employers list readiness for work and skills as important. Entry requirements for courses at colleges and universities change annually. Highers are the standard for university admission. These can be gained in S5 & S6. College can be entered at different levels and can lead to a degree link course. It is important to investigate these if you have a definite career idea.

Who can I speak to about this?

Speak to your family network and older friends as they have experience. You can speak to your PTPS teacher or subject teachers about your choices. The Skills Development Scotland Careers Adviser provides further choices support to pupils in S3 but is happy to be contacted at this stage if needed - Email: claire.rankine@sds.co.uk.

Helpful Links for parents/carers

Broad General Education:

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-in-scotland/broad-general-education/>

Skills Development Scotland:

<https://www.mykidscareer.com>

My World of Work:

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/parents-carers>

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/where-can-subject-choices-take-you>

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/job-profiles>

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/tools/subject-choices>

NESCOL:

<https://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/>

SRUC Craibstone:

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