



VIEWFORTH HIGH SCHOOL

S2 Course Choice

Parent/Carer Information
February 2026

S2 into S3

- S3 will continue to be about your young person's Broad General Education
- They should start thinking about it as a two-year journey towards National qualifications by the end of S4.
- We want as many young people as possible working towards National 5 or Level 5 qualifications by the time they start S4.
- Its now time to start thinking about subjects they are interested in and what they would like to study in S3 and S4.



S2 into S3 – Course Choice

- Pupils will choose 7 subjects to study in S3.
- These will be the **same** 7 subjects that they will continue to study into S4.
- Everyone will study English and Maths (then have free choice for the other 5 subjects).
- Pupils are going to have lots of subjects to choose from but they should try to think about how they can progress within the subjects they choose
- Some subjects are only offered up to N5/L5, so there won't be the option to move on to H/L6 in S5/S6.



S2 into S3 – Course Choice

Creative Arts	English, Drama and Modern Languages	Health and Wellbeing	Maths and Science	Social Subjects and Business
Art & Design	Drama	Childcare	Biology	Admin & IT
Graphics	English	Creative Bakery	Chemistry	Business
Music	French	Dance	Maths	Criminology
Music Technology	Media	Fashion & Textiles	Physics	Geography
Practical Wood	Spanish	PE	Science/Health Sector	History
		Practical Cookery		Modern Studies
		Sports Leaders		Travel and Tourism

Things to consider and who can help? (Pupils)

- What do you enjoy?
- What are you good at?
- Guidance Teacher
- Parents/Carers
- Subject Teachers
- SDS (Skills Development Scotland)



General Advice (Pupils)

- Consider what you might want to do in the future
- You will likely be studying some of your chosen subjects S3-S6
- Enjoyment/Ability in the subject
- Give yourself options (choose a variety of subjects – keep your options open)
- Don't just choose a subject because your friends are picking it
- Some of you might not know what you want to do yet and that's ok, if this is the case choose a variety of subjects and don't narrow your focus



Curriculum Pathway Process (Pupils)

- We want to give pupils as much choice as possible when deciding their curricular pathway
- As a school we will try to offer all the courses that they want, **but we cannot guarantee** that all courses will run (depends on – pupil uptake and staffing)
- When pupils are making their choices, they can only select a subject once



Parents/Carers

Information will be sent home to your parents/carers regarding:

- Course choice process
- Copy of this PowerPoint
- Links to course choice videos
- Recommended subjects based on attainment to date and pupil free course choice (mock – carried out in December)
- Course choice form will be completed during the meeting with DHT and Guidance Teacher and details of pupil choices will be sent home to parents and carers.
- Parents/Carers will be notified via email if any changes are being made from the original choice

Course Choice Meeting

- One to one meeting held with pupils and (SLT and PTG)
- Prior to the meeting subject recommendations will be sent home to parents and carers, outlining subjects we feel your young person will have the best chance of enjoying success (based on all the data we have to date).
- Each meeting will last 10 mins.
- Ask pupils to take time to go through their recent tracking reports and think about information obtained at parents evening when deciding on the subjects they have the best chance of success in.

Course Choice Form



Viewforth High School – S3 Course Choice 2026-27



Pupil Name		Class	
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Please find below the S3 Course Choice sheet for session 2026-27 and complete this with your young person prior to the course choice interview. All choices will be discussed at the interview and maybe changed after discussion has taken place to maximise their chances of attainment, based on all available data gathered to date. Every effort will be made to facilitate the choices of pupils, but this cannot be guaranteed, due to pupil uptake and staffing availability.

Mandatory and core subjects studied during S3 and S4					
English	Maths	Retail	RME	PSE	Core PE (can also be chosen in Columns)

Choose one subject in each box (circle or highlight your chosen subject)
The choices made will be studied in S3 and S4 (7 subjects in total).

Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F	Column G
Music Practical Wood Biology Business Modern Studies Practical Cookery	Music PE Dance Criminology Practical Cookery Geography	Drama PE Creative Bakery Biology History	Art & Design Practical Wood Music Technology Physics Childcare Sports Leader Administration & IT	Chemistry Art & Design Graphics Spanish Travel & Tourism Creative Bakery Science and Health Sector

Resources

- To help and support pupils in the process we have produced a number of Course Choice video's, designed to provide them with information on each of the subjects and the different progression routes associated with them.
- These video's will be provided to them via their PSE Showbie folder and links can also be found on the school website.

Link to website – <https://viewforthhighschool.co.uk/curricular-areas/course-choice-2026-2027/>

Course Choice - Timeline

- Information sent home to parents/carers – Week Beg 02nd Feb 2026
- Assembly with Mr Darling going over process for course choice – 09th Feb 2026
- Meetings for course choice (two weeks) Week Beg - 16th/23rd Feb 2026
- Final Choice confirmed – 13th March 2026
- Proposed start date of new timetable – 25th May 2026