



VIEWFORTH HIGH SCHOOL

S4&S5 Course Choice

Information
February 2026

S4 into S5 and S5 into S6

- We want all pupils to go on to a positive sustained destination when they leave school
- Its now time to start thinking about the subjects that they want to progress on with both in school and beyond



Curriculum Pathway

- We want you to maximise all our young peoples attainment.
- Data tells us that someone that has secured a solid N5/L5pass, has a higher chance of passing H/L6.
- For this reason, pupils moving into S5 should continue to study subjects that they have studied in S4 where possible.
- Pupils should consider their pathway S4-S6 (and think how are they going to reach a positive and sustainable destination.
- Each pupil will have a one-to-one meeting with their Guidance teacher and a member of SLT. During these meetings progression opportunities will be identified based on their prior learning (so if they are on course to get A band 1 for example at N5, we will be looking for them to take Higher next year)

S4 into S5 – Course Choice

- Pupils in S4 are currently studying seven subjects but now we are going to narrow this down to five for S5/S6.
- Pupils are going to have lots of subjects to choose from. But we need them to think about how they can progress within the subjects they choose (most lead on to Higher/L6 or Advanced Higher but **some don't**).



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)



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/Teams folder and links can also be found on the school website.

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

SCP (School College Partnership)

- Fife College offer several opportunities for S5 or S6 pupils that supports you in studying qualifications at SCQF Levels 4 to 7, whilst also studying your school subjects.
- Some of these courses are NPA's (National Progression Awards) and some FA's (Foundation Apprenticeships)
- Pupils are expected to make their own way to college on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon, so please factor this into your decision when deciding if this is for you.
- As a school we cannot facilitate transportation to and from college.
- More information will be provided via PSE regarding courses available at college
- If a college course does not run, you will be re-coursed into a subject where there is space in the timetable.

General Advice (Pupils)

- Consider what (you might) want to do in the future
- Consider your pathway through S5 and 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



Course Choice Process

- 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 making their choice, they can only select a subject once
- We want to support them to make **positive curriculum pathway choices**
- Consideration must be given to the subjects that they have the best opportunity of enjoying success in



Parents/Carers

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

- Course choice process
- Copy of this PowerPoint
- Links to course choice videos
- Targeted Progression opportunities
- Course choice form (shared on the website)
- Parents/Carers will be notified via email if any changes are being made from the original choice

Course Choice Meeting

- Prior to the meeting subject recommendations will be sent home to parents and carers, outlining subjects where you have the opportunity for progression and have the best chance of enjoying success.
- One to one meeting held (SLT and PTG)
- Each meeting will last 10 mins
- Progression will be looked at (so if they are on course to get A band 1 for example at N5, we will be looking for them to take Higher next year)
- Pupils should take time to go through their recent target grades that were shared after the prelims (right hand side column indicates what their teachers think they have the potential to get in the final exam)
- Additional copies of the target grades can be provided (pupils should speak to their guidance teacher if you would like this)

Course Choice Form

	Viewforth High School – S5/S6 Course Choice 2026-27					
Pupil Name		Class				
<p>Please find below the S5/S6 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.</p>						
Choose one subject in each box (circle or highlight your chosen subject - 5 subjects in total)						
SCQF Level	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	
Higher Level 6	English Communications Drama Geography Chemistry	Spanish Music Technology SFA Refereeing (Level 7) Sports Leaders Childcare Biology History Photography	Graphic Communication PE Maths Modern Studies	RMPS Politics Art & Design Music Applications of Maths Physics Administration & IT	English Biology Art & Design Business Management Hospitality	
National 5 Level 5	English Communications Drama Geography Laboratory Skills	Spanish Music Technology Sports Leaders Childcare Physics History NPA Photography	Graphic Communication PE Personal Finance Maths Modern Studies	Media RMPS Art & Design Music Applications of Maths Administration & IT NPA Drawing NPA Painting	English Biology Art & Design Practical Wood Travel and Tourism Criminology Business Management Hospitality	
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Course Choice - Timeline

- Information sent home to parents/carers – Week Beg 09th 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 – 02nd June 2026