



Education Resources
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Dear Parent/Carer,

S3 Curriculum Consultation

Following our curriculum consultation earlier this year, changes were made to the Senior Phase curriculum and the structure of the school day. This included introducing tutor time, increasing the number of S4 options from 6 to 7, altering the number of periods allocated to National and Higher courses and introducing short courses. It was agreed that changes to the Broad General Education would follow along with further refinements to improve learner pathways using other Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) courses, based on labour market information.

In S1-S3, pupils continue to study the Broad General Education. In S3, our curriculum already provides opportunities for personalisation and choice, mainly within curricular areas, which enables our pupils' entitlement to third and fourth level experiences and outcomes in all curricular areas to be met. It was previously agreed that during the course of S3, pupils would have the opportunity through blended learning to progress to courses leading to SCQF rated courses, with S4 options then allowing pupils to refine their curriculum to seven subjects (plus core entitlements) based on their learner pathway.

When reviewing our S3 curriculum, in line with the refreshed narrative for CfE (<https://scotlandscurriculum.scot/4/>), it is necessary for us to ensure that pupils' entitlement to study Modern Languages until the end of S3, with opportunities for Language 3, as stated in Languages 1+2, are fully met. As such, we need to review the current curriculum structure. Figure 1, below, shows the changes this would make to the overall school week for S3 students. On this diagram, TT represents the time given to Tutor Time.

Figure 1: S3 Curriculum Structure

Current S3 Curriculum Structure																																
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
English			Mathematics			Social Studies			Science			Expressive Arts			Technology			Free Choice 1			Free Choice 2			Free Choice 3			PE		PSE/RE	TT		
Proposed S3 Curriculum Structure																																
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
English			Mathematics			Social Studies			Science			Expressive Arts			Technology			Free Choice 1			Free Choice 2			Masterclasses		PSE	PE	RE	TT			

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Please find below (Figure 2) the proposed course choice form for S2 to S3 students for 2020-21.

Figure 2: S3 Course Choice Form 2020



S3 Course Choice – to be returned by Friday 14th February | 2020

Name: _____ **Tutor Class:** _____

All pupils will study English (4 periods), Maths (4 periods), PE (2 periods), RME (1 period) and PSE (1 period). Skills for Life and Work courses will be selected based on curricular choices. Please circle your choices below:

(4)	(4)	Social Studies (3)	Sciences (3)	Expressive Arts (3)	Technologies (3)	Free Choice (3)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(2)
-	-	Choose 1	Choose 1	Choose 1	Choose 1	Choose 2	-	-	-	-
English	Mathematics	Geography	Biology	Art and Design	Administration/IT	Administration/IT	Physical Education	Religious and Moral Education	PSE	Skills for Life and Work (Masterclasses, based on curricular choices)
		History	Chemistry	Drama	Business	Art and Design				
		Modern Studies	Physics	Music	Computing and Information Science	Chemistry				
					Computing and Information Science	Computing and Information Science				
					Design and Manufacture	Design and Manufacture				
					Graphic Communication	Drama				
					Home Economics	French				
					Practical Woodworking Skills (PWS)	Geography				
						German				
						Graphic Communication				
						History				
						Home Economics				
						Physics				

PLEASE NOTE: You cannot repeat a choice e.g. do not choose Art and Design twice.

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Course choice forms will be issued at assembly in the week beginning 20th January to current S2 students and should be returned by Friday, 14th February 2020. There will be an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers to discuss course choice at Parents' Evening on 30th January 2020.

Feedback on the proposed curriculum structure is invited from pupils, parents, staff and partners until **18th December 2019**. Please email (gw07leebarbara@glow.sch.uk) or phone (01555-896010) to share your views, or to ask any questions. I will also be available on Tuesday, 17th December from 6-7 pm if you would like to make an appointment to discuss any of these changes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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