

Choosing from the Enrichment Column

Pupils in S5 and S6 are expected to choose an option from the enrichment column in which they will spend three periods a week studying.

Instead of simply offering a free choice as we have done in previous years, we are now insisting that any pupil who hasn't achieved Literacy or Numeracy at SCQF level 5 and who isn't studying either English or Mathematics at National 5 level will study Literacy or Numeracy in their enrichment time. We see this as essential so that they leave school with these key qualifications.

Those who have achieved SCQF level 5 Literacy and Numeracy or who are studying towards this by studying National 5 English or Mathematics will then have a free choice of the other enrichment options with the exception of Supervised Study. This option is only available for pupils moving into S5 who are studying 5 Higher courses.

Within the enrichment column, there are a number of options available which will add value to a pupil's overall attainment. These range from individual units at National 3, National 4, National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher level to complete course awards at National 4, National 5 and SCQF level 5. Pupils who are looking to move onto University may want to consider a Young Applicants in Schools Scheme (YASS) module which would prepare them well for this transition.

Please find some information below relating to the enrichment options:

SQA Units

These options will comprise of freestanding SQA units at various levels (see option form) in the following subjects:

- Accounting
- Introduction to Media
- Music Performance
- Physical Education (Sports Academy options)
- Statistics
- Textile Technology

SQA Courses

These options will allow pupils to study for a complete SQA course in:

- Music Technology
- Practical Woodwork

National Progression Awards

These options will allow pupils to study towards a SCQF level 5 course in:

- Cyber Security
- Enterprise and Employability.

Please note that pupils who choose Enterprise and Employability will be expected to commit to an afternoon each week of work experience (this will be timetabled time and won't clash with other subjects)

Young Applicants in Schools Scheme (YASS) Modules

Pupils can select from a number of modules offered by the Open University. Pupils interested in this should discuss with Mr Cowie in the first instance.

Further information can be found on the Open University website on the following link

<http://www.open.ac.uk/scotland/study/young-applicants-schools/benefits-yass>