



PORTLETHEN ACADEMY

S4-S6 SENIOR PHASE OPTIONS FORM

2019 / 2020

Please find attached the range of study options available throughout the Senior Phase. Below are specific instructions for different year groups. If you have any questions about the options or about the completion of the form, please contact your son/daughter's Principal Teacher of Guidance. Please note that the running of all courses is subject to available staffing. Further guidance on options will be available at our Senior Phase Options Information Evening on Thursday 14th February.

Forms submitted without reserve options will be returned so these can be added. Please note that we cannot guarantee that every combination of courses will be possible or that every course listed above will run. This will depend on the number of pupils opting for the course and on available staffing. Please note that late submission of forms may affect subjects allocated.

S4: All S4 pupils will study English and either Mathematics or Applications of Mathematics for certification at National 3, 4 or 5. They will also study core subjects of Personal Social Education, Physical Education and Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies. They then choose 4 additional subjects from the list.

Please note that we are asking for the subject only, you should not indicate the level. However levels are provided for information as some subjects are only available at certain levels and may be inappropriate for some pupils. Please note that Highers (S5/6) and Advanced Highers (S6) are not usually available to S4 pupils since these provide progression beyond National courses in S4.

S5: All pupils should choose 5 subjects plus Enrichment.

S6: All pupils should choose a minimum of 4 subjects plus Enrichment. Pupils who haven't achieved 5 qualifications at level 5 should choose 5 subjects plus enrichment.

For both years, please indicate the level at which you wish to study (although this will be finally determined by previous attainment and progress throughout the year) in consultation with subject teachers.

Further information on Nationals, Highers and Advanced Highers is available on the SQA website via the following link:
<http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/58062.html> (then choose subject)

The following resources from the National Parent Forum of Scotland may also be useful:
<https://www.npfs.org.uk/downloads/category/in-a-nutshell-series/nationals-in-a-nutshell-series/national-5/>
<https://www.npfs.org.uk/downloads/category/revision-guides/higher/>
<https://www.npfs.org.uk/downloads/category/assessment/>
<https://www.npfs.org.uk/downloads/category/careers-and-employment/>

Please return completed and signed forms to DCT Tutors by **Friday 1st March**. Please note that late submission of forms may affect subjects allocated

For further information on the courses below, please visit the NEScol website <http://www.nescol.ac.uk/courses/school-links>

Course	SCQF level	Time	Location	Available for		
				S4	S5	S6
Professional Development Award SCQF Level 7 Politics	7	Fri 9am – 12noon	Aberdeen City Campus			✓
Higher Psychology	6	Wed 2pm – 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus			✓
Higher Sociology	6	Mon 2pm – 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus			✓
FA Business Skills (1 Year model)	6	Wed 2pm – 5pm and one full day	Aberdeen City Campus			✓
FA Accountancy	6	Mon and Wed 2pm - 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Children and Young People	6	Tues and Thurs 2pm - 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Children and Young People	6	Wed 9.30am-3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Civil Engineering	6	To be confirmed	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Creative and Digital Media	6	Tues and Thurs 2pm - 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Electrical Engineering	6	Tues and Thurs 1.30pm – 4.30pm	Alpens		✓	
FA Food and Drink Operations	6	To be confirmed	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA IT Software	6	To be confirmed	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Mechanical Engineering	6	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Alpens		✓	
FA Scientific Technologies (Lab skills)	6	Tues and Thurs 2pm - 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
FA Social Care and Healthcare	6	Mon and Wed 2pm – 5pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	
NPA SCQF Level 6 Exercise and Fitness Leadership	6	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	✓
NPA SCQF Level 6 Technical Theatre	6	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus		✓	✓
SFW N5 Construction Crafts	5	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Alpens	✓	✓	✓
SFW N5 EE & Childcare	5	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
SFW N5 Health Sector	5	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
SFW N5 Hospitality	5	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
SFW N5 Travel and Tourism	5	Mon and Wed 2pm – 4.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
SFW N4 Engineering	4	Fri 8.45am – 12 noon	Portlethen Academy	✓	✓	✓
C&G Lv 1 Beauty Therapy	4	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
C&G Lv 1 Hairdressing	4	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓
C&G Intro to Vehicle Technology	4	Wed 9.30am – 3.30pm	Alpens	✓	✓	✓
STEM College Certificate Course	4	Tues and Thurs 2pm – 4.30pm	Alpens	✓	✓	✓
Preparation for Work Supported Learning School Link	3	Fri 9.30am – 3.30pm	Aberdeen City Campus	✓	✓	✓

Key		
FA	Foundation Apprenticeship	SFW Skills for Work
NPA	National Progression Award	C&G City and Guilds
NC	National Course	SCQF Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework

A S4 Options Form

Name	
Tutor Group	
Career Interests	

Subjects studied in S3
English
Mathematics

Choice of subjects for S4		
Option	Subject	Teacher signature
1	English	
2	Mathematics	
	Applications of Mathematics	
	Mathematics (2 year)	
3		
4		
5		
6		
Reserve 1		
Reserve 2		

NESCol Link Course (if applicable)	
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You must tick either Mathematics or Applications of Mathematics as one of your choices

Signature of pupil	
Signature of parent	
Signature of Guidance teacher	

Faculty	Subjects	Levels Available				
		N3	N4	N5	H	AH
Business Education and Computing Science	Administration and IT	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Business	✓	✓			
	Business Management			✓	✓	✓
	Computing Science	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Design and Technology	Engineering Science		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Graphic Communication		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Practical Metalwork		✓	✓		
	Practical Woodwork		✓	✓		
English	English	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Media Studies (S5 and S6 only)			✓	✓	
Expressive Arts	Art and Design	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Drama	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Music	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Health Promotion	Health and Food Technology	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Hospitality	✓	✓	✓		
	Physical Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Humanities	Geography	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	History	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Modern Studies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Philosophy (S5 and S6 only)			✓	✓	
Mathematics	Applications of Mathematics	✓	✓	✓		
	Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mathematics 2 year (S4 and S5 only)			✓		
Modern Languages	French		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Spanish		✓	✓	✓	✓
Science	Biology			✓	✓	✓
	Chemistry			✓	✓	✓
	Human Biology				✓	
	Physics			✓	✓	✓
	Science	✓	✓			
	Laboratory Science			✓		
Foundation Apprenticeships	Accountancy				✓	
	Children and Young People				✓	
	Social Services and Health Care				✓	
Enrichment (S5 and S6 only)	Accounting (Units)			✓		
	Introduction to Media (Units)	✓	✓			
	Literacy / Numeracy (Unit)		✓	✓		
	Music Performance (Unit)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Photography (Unit)				✓	
	Practical Woodwork (Course)		✓	✓		
	Sports Academy 1 – PE (Units)		✓	✓		
	Sports Academy 2 – PE (Unit)				✓	
	Sports Academy 3 – Practical Refereeing					✓
	Textile Technology (Unit)		✓	✓		
	NPA Cyber Security SCQF Level 5	Not applicable				
	NPA Enterprise and Employability SCQF Level 5					
	Science Lab Support (Work Experience)					
	Supervised Study (S5 only)					
YASS Modules (S6 only)						
Youth Achievement 2 year course (S5 only)						
NES College Courses	Please see attached list					

Key			
N3	National 3	AH	Advanced Higher
N4	National 4	NPA	National Progression Award
N5	National 5	YASS	Youth Applicants Schools Scheme
H	Higher		