Inverkeithing High School

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OUR VISION

Our School's **Vision** is based on our motto – **"Grow By Choice"**. As a school community we all strive to **take ownership and responsibility** for **our own learning and development** and therefore to **achieve our full potential.**

Ready, Respectful, Responsible

S4 & S5 Curriculum Pathway
Parent/Carer Information Booklet

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child has reached a vital stage in their school career. The time has come when we must plan together for learning pathways moving into 5th and 6th year in the light of pupil performance, interest and possible career aspirations.

During February, pupils are asked to complete their Curriculum Pathway. A number of planned events are timetabled to provide support to both pupils and parents/carers. These are noted below for your information.

Date	Event
W/B 5 January 2026	S4/5 Curriculum Pathway Assembly
W/B 5 January 2026	S4/5 'Draft' Run of Curriculum Pathway
W/B 5 January 2026	'My World of Work' delivery in PSE
W/B 12 January 2026	'My World of Work' delivery in PSE
13 January 2026	Curriculum Information Evening
15 January 2026	Careers Convention
16 January 2026	Information will be shared with parents/carers and saved on our school website
26 January 2026	S4 & S5 Tracking Reports available to Parents/Carers
29 January 2026	S4 Parents' Evening
3 February 2026	S5/6 Parents' Evening
W/B 9 February 2026	Individual Curriculum Pathway Interviews with Guidance Staff
20 February 2026	Final deadline for all Curriculum Pathway Interviews to be completed
March 2026	Curriculum Pathway Options Check *(Pupils will be able to **check** their subject choices have been **entered accurately** into our Options Software during a PSE lesson)*
5 May 2026	Timetable change

The purpose of these planned arrangements is to provide pupils with additional information related to subject choices that are suited to their ability, relevant to their needs, and which will enable them to experience a real sense of achievement.

My World of Work website, created by Skills Development Scotland, will also provide further support regarding subject choices. A link directly to this website is noted below:
The parents and carers' guide to option choices | My World of Work

I hope you find this information helpful and if you require any further information please contact your child's Guidance Teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Y Beveridge

Mrs Y Beveridge
Depute Headteacher

S4 and S5 Curriculum Pathway Information for parents/carers

Current S4 pupils should continue with 5 subjects (not including Core Subjects). These must be subjects they have studied in S4 where possible. Whilst we will do our best to ensure that pupils can continue with the subjects that they would like to, we cannot guarantee that pupils will be able to do so.

Current S5 pupils must choose 4 subjects minimum. Pupils who are planning to 'crash' a subject should discuss this with their Guidance Teacher who will provide the pupil with a 'crash form' to ensure dialogue takes please with the Subject PT.

School/College Partnership
Opportunities to complete additional courses in partnership with Fife College are noted within the Curriculum Pathway Sheet. This includes Foundation Apprenticeships ***(please note some courses require a 2-year commitment***).

Please be aware that pupils will be provided with bus passes which will allow them to travel on service buses to and from the college location. We as a school do not take responsibility for transporting pupils.

If a pupil is not successful in gaining a place on a college course, or if the college course does not run, pupils would be re-coursed into school subjects **where there is availability.**

Advanced Higher
Please highlight the subject you would like to study in the Higher Column and write 'AH' next to it so we can consider this as a potential Advanced Higher class.

Languages
It is not necessary for pupils to pick a Modern Language. It must be stressed that some universities are insisting on pupils having a National 5 pass in a Modern Language to gain course entry, therefore we encourage pupils and parents/carers to carefully check entry requirements prior to making subject choices.

Completing the Curriculum Pathway Sheet
Please ensure you complete the Curriculum Pathway Sheet. Your child should return this to their Guidance Teacher by **Friday 6 February**.

Your child's choices will be discussed with their Guidance Teacher during their individual interview.

If during the interview changes are made due to the dialogue between your child and their Guidance Teacher, your child will bring their Curriculum Pathway Sheet home to ensure you agree to the changes. I would ask that you sign the additional box at the bottom right hand side of the sheet to confirm your agreement with the changes made.

It is recommended that you also take a note of the choices for your own records.

Please note we will make every effort to provide desired courses but this cannot be guaranteed. Some courses will only run if there is sufficient pupil uptake and appropriate staffing is available.

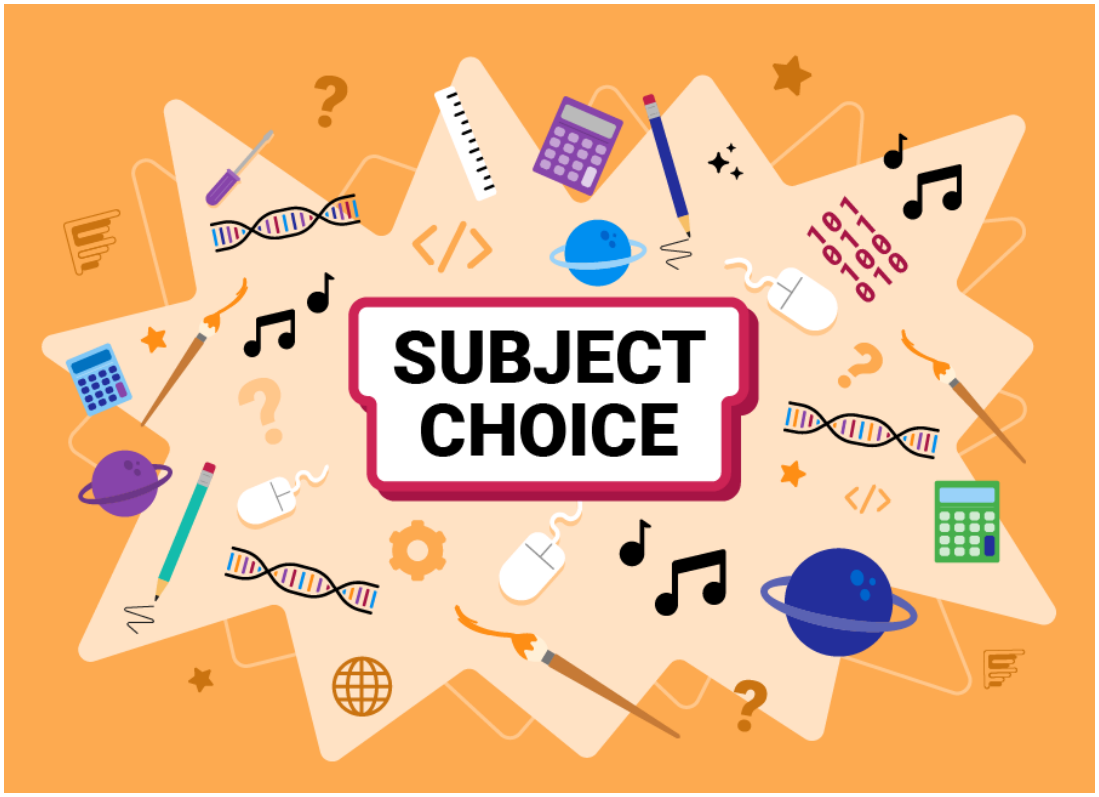
Additional Information

Sometimes pupils and parents/carers will have to make difficult decisions i.e. a pupil may enjoy a subject, but it does not fit with their chosen career path, or they may not be able to choose the combination of subjects that they really want to study and have to make a choice.

As a school we may have to make the difficult decision not to run a subject due to insufficient uptake or a pupil may have to make a 2nd choice as we cannot offer an additional class.

Please note we will make every effort to provide desired courses but this cannot be guaranteed. Some courses will only run if there is sufficient pupil uptake and appropriate staffing is available.

If you would like to discuss curriculum and career pathways further, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Guidance Teacher. Your child's Guidance Teacher can also make an appointment for you with a member of Skills Development Scotland (Careers Advisor) on your behalf.



INVERKEITHING HIGH SCHOOL S5 & S6 CURRICULUM PATHWAY 2026-27

Name: _____ Class: _____ Guidance Teacher: _____

Dear Parent/Carer

Please discuss and complete this Curriculum Pathway sheet **before** your child's interview. All choices will be discussed at the interview and may be changed after this discussion takes place. Any changes will be sent home for you to view and confirm. **Please note we will make every effort to provide desired courses, but this cannot be GUARANTEED.**

Some courses will only run if there is sufficient pupil uptake and appropriate staffing is available. S4 pupils must choose subjects in every column. S5 pupils must choose subjects from 4 columns minimum. **Advanced Highers** – please highlight the subject you would like to study in the Higher Column and write '**AH**' next to it so we can add this as a potential Advanced Higher.

Level	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
Higher	Childcare & Development Design & Manufacture Drama History Maths Photography Physics Psychology	Art & Design Chemistry Computing Science English Geography Modern Studies Physical Education RMPS	Art & Design Business Management Human Biology Maths Maths – Applications of Maths Physics Spanish	English French Graphic Communication Health & Food Technology History Human Biology Modern Studies Music	Administration & IT Business Management Chemistry Design & Manufacture Geography Graphic Communication Health & Food Technology Music Psychology Physical Education
National 4 & National 5	Design & Manufacture Drama Early Education & Childcare History Maths Photography Physics Psychology	Art & Design Chemistry Computing Science English Geography Modern Studies Physical Education RMPS	Art & Design Biology Business Management Maths Maths – Applications of Maths Physics Practical Cookery Spanish	Biology English French Graphic Communication Health & Food Technology History Modern Studies Music Practical Woodwork	Administration & IT Business Management Chemistry Design & Manufacture Geography Graphic Communication Health & Food Technology Music Psychology Physical Education
Wider Achievements / SCQF Level 5, 6 & 7	Travel & Tourism	Barista Fife College Courses & Foundation Apprenticeships **SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS**	Criminology	Sports Coaching Communications	SFA Football Refereeing
S6 only	Private Study Saltire and Volunteering Award Work Experience	Private Study Saltire and Volunteering Award Work Experience	Private Study Saltire and Volunteering Award Work Experience	Private Study Saltire and Volunteering Award Work Experience	Private Study Saltire and Volunteering Award Work Experience

We have discussed the options and have agreed on the above subjects.

Pupil Signature: _____ Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____

NB 1. We will make every effort to provide desired courses.
2. Provision of all the chosen courses cannot be GUARANTEED at this time.
3. **Please note that courses will only run if there is sufficient pupil uptake and appropriate staffing is available.**

Guidance Checklist

Breadth of Curriculum discussed		Progression Routes checked		Occupation & Entry Requirements discussed		Guidance approved	

Office use only

Parent/Carer Signature if changes made

Please find information below related to choosing College as a subject option in Column B.

- Pupils who choose to attend College as their subject option in Column B will attend Fife College (range of learning Campus') on a Monday and Wednesday 2 – 4pm.
- This leaves an additional 2 periods from Column B in school where private study or additional accredited outcomes will be allocated. This will be communicated at a later stage in the timetabling process.
- Pupils will make their own way to the location of their course.
- **If a pupil is not successful in gaining a place on a college course, or if a college course is cancelled, pupils would be re-coursed into school subjects where there is availability.**

Course	Level	Tick	Course	Level	Tick
NPA Accountancy	6		NPA Computing Technologies	5	
Foundation Apprenticeship Scientific Technologies	6		NPA Cyber Security	5	
Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services and Healthcare	6		NPA Data Science	5	
Foundation Apprenticeship Children and Young people	6		NPA Digital Animation	5	
NPA Legal Services	6		Esports	4	
Perspectives on Society: Exploring People, Power and Progress	5		Skills for Work Engineering	4	
Healthcare Pathway	5		Foundation Apprenticeship Construction Craft	4	
Pathway to Early Learning	5		Foundation Apprenticeship Hospitality	4	
NPA Engineering	5		Introduction to Hair and Beauty	4	

We have discussed the College options above and have agreed on the courses indicated.
I understand the information related to choosing a college course and give permission for my child to attend College at the times noted.

Pupil Signature: _____ Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____