

S5/6 Course Choice 2025



January 2026

Coursing: Key Messages

Think about your career aspirations: *What do I need to do to get there?*

What are you likely to do post-school: *University, College, Modern Apprenticeships, etc?*

Do your research: *School website, My World of Work, University / College websites, etc.*

Support: *Guidance teacher, Subject teachers, Careers advisors, Parents / Family, etc.*

S4/5 moving to S5/6

- Choices to be made **in agreement with your parents**
 - Choose 5 subjects
 - Free choice for all subjects
 - Inform your guidance teacher if any choice was not possible
 - Course choice forms will be emailed to parents on Friday 16 January
 - Complete the course choice form at home before Wednesday 21 January
 - Make a course choice appointment with your guidance teacher Monday 26 January - Wednesday 28 January
 - Parents may attend this meeting either in person or online
- [S5/6 Course Choice Form](#)
- Note: S5 pupils **MUST** have a full timetable if returning to school
- All S6 pupils will be strongly encouraged to choose a Foundation Apprenticeship unless:
 - You are studying 3 Advanced Highers
 - You are studying 5 Highers
 - You have previously gained a Foundation Apprenticeship in S5

S5/6 Course Choice Options 2026_2027

All S5 pupils will study 5 subjects. S6 pupils can study up to 3 Advanced Highers or a mixture of Advanced Highers, Highers, Level 5/6/7 courses and Foundation Apprenticeships

National 5 and Level 5 Options

Maths & English	Humanities	Science	Technologies	Health & Wellbeing & RMP	Expressive Arts	Other
N5 Applications of Maths	L5 Childcare	L5 Applied Science	N5 Woodwork	L5 Sport and Recreation	N5 Music	L5 Construction
N5 English	L5 Travel and Tourism		N5 Metalwork	N4/5 Hospitality: Practical C	N5 Music Technology	L5 Future Skills
N5 Mental Health and Wellbeing			L5 Furniture Making	N5 Dance	N5 Art	L5 Hospitality
				N5 Health & Food Technology	N5 Fashion Technology	College Offer
				L5 Barista (S6 only)	L5 Photography	
				N5 RMPS		

Higher and Level 6 Options

Maths & English	Humanities	Science	Technologies	Health & Wellbeing & RMP	Expressive Arts	Other
Mathematics	History	Biology	Design & Manufacture	Physical Education	Music	College offer - see website
Applications of Maths	Geography	Physics	Graphic Design	Exercise and Fitness	Music Technology	FA Business
English	French	Chemistry	Computing Studies	H Dance	Art	FA Children and Young People
	Spanish		Business Studies	H Health & Food Technology	Fashion Technology	FA Health Services
(Psychology)	Modern Studies			RMPS	Photography	FA Creative and Digital Media
	Leadership / Powering Futures					FA Global Infrastructure
						FA Accountancy
						FA IT Hardware
						FA Scientific Technologies
						Caristas Award (S6 only)

Advanced Higher and Level 7 Options

Maths & English	Humanities	Science	Technologies	Health & Wellbeing & RMP	Expressive Arts	Other
Mathematics	History	Biology	Computing Studies	Physical Education	Music	
English	Geography	Physics	Business Studies	L7 Referreeing	Art	
	French	Chemistry		RMPS		
	Spanish					

Please note:

1. Courses at Edinburgh college need to be agreed with your guidance teacher and application completed.
2. Courses will only run if there are viable numbers.
3. Some courses may be delivered in partnership with Dalkeith High School.
4. Some choice combination will not work in the best fit model. If this happens your guidance teacher will talk through your options.
5. Advanced Highers courses may be delivered through MACO or online.
6. Additional courses are available to study across the campus - please express interest for any subject when completing the google form.
7. Psychology MAY run as an online option through MACO. Pupils should express interest only in this subject.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS - SCQF LEVELS AND TIMELINES

This table shows how current and old qualifications relate to one another in terms of their SCQF level. The SCQF level of a qualification provides a way of comparing how demanding or difficult the learning involved in achieving a qualification is. This table can be used by anybody with a need to understand National Qualifications (normally awarded at school), for example employers when recruiting. More information on the SCQF can be found on our website (www.scqf.org.uk). More information on current qualifications in the table can be found by visiting the SQA website (www.sqa.org.uk/cfe).

SCQF Level 7	Certificate of Sixth Year Studies (CSYS)	Advanced Higher	Advanced Higher
	Higher		Higher
SCQF Level 6			Foundation Apprenticeship
			Skills for Work, National Progression Award & National Certificate
		Standard Grade Credit	National 5
SCQF Level 5		Intermediate 2	
	Ordinary Grade		Skills for Work, National Progression Award & National Certificate
		Standard Grade General	National 4
SCQF Level 4		Intermediate 1	
			Skills for Work, National Progression Award & National Certificate
		Standard Grade Foundation	National 3
SCQF Level 3		Access 3	
			Skills for Work, National Progression Award & National Certificate

Midlothian SCP Course Suitability

Course	Who for?	Host Venue(s)
L4 Construction	S3 students with keen interest in progressing with construction	DHS, LHS, NBHS, PHS
L5 Construction	S4 students who have completed the in school SCP L4 course	Edinburgh College: Midlothian Campus
L4/5 Future Skills: Engineering Innovation	Senior students interested in automotive, mechanical and electrical engineering and sustainable EV technologies	Edinburgh College: Midlothian Campus
N5 SfW Health Sector	Includes the National Health Service (NHS — primary and secondary care), independent healthcare, complementary therapies, the life sciences and retail pharmaceutical industries, and the community and voluntary sector	TBC: DHS/SDHS or Edinburgh College: Midlothian Campus

[Midlothian aligned curriculum offer](#)

FA Course Suitability

Course	Who for?
Level 4/5 FA	Students who have interest in these areas and would benefit from supported travel to access these courses.
Level 6 Accountancy	Has N5 Maths or Apps Maths. Studying for or achieved Higher would be preferable. Course has an exam.
Level 6 Business Skills	Interest in wider workings of a Business
Level 6 Creative and Digital Media	Good level of written and spoken English (L5 Literacy or N5 English)
Level 6 IT Hardware	Strong interest in area, good communication skills
Level 6 Scientific Technologies	Has N5 Maths or Apps Maths and one Science at N5
Level 6 SS: CYP	Students who want to work with children in any capacity
Level 6 SS: Healthcare	Students who want to work with adults in any <u>caring</u> capacity



FA Delivery Venues and Columns



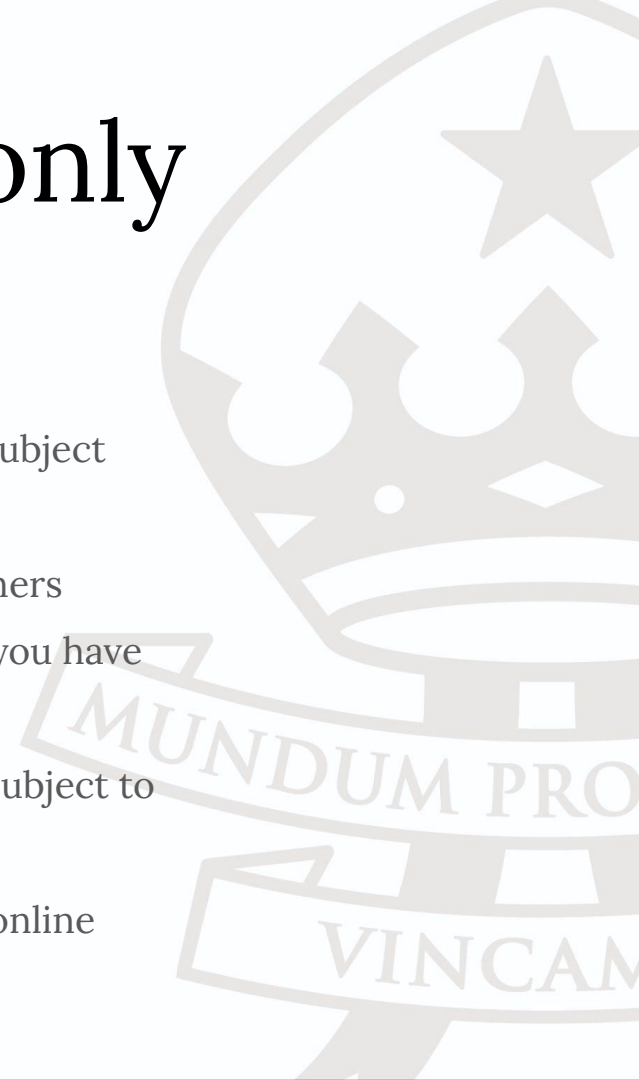
Centrally Supported Delivery (Online/Lead Teacher/Training Provider/College)				
A	B	C	D	E
Social Services: Children and Young People (3 cohorts - Beescuik, Campus, Newbattle - potential for 4th at Lasswade)		FA 5 Construction (1 cohort)	FA 5 Construction (1 cohort)	Social Services: Healthcare (2 cohorts - Lasswade, Newbattle)
Hospitality - Campus		IT Hardware	Future Skills (2 cohorts)	
Business - Newbattle		Business - Campus	Accountancy - Campus	
GIBE - Beescuik - Mark Holden		Business - Beescuik	Creative and Digital Media - Campus	
		Scientific Tech - Beescuik	GIBE - Campus	
		Accountancy - Lasswade	Hospitality - Lasswade	
		Creative and Digital Media - Newbattle	Scientific Tech - Lasswade	
		Hospitality - Newbattle		

[Midlothian Foundation Apprenticeship offer](#)



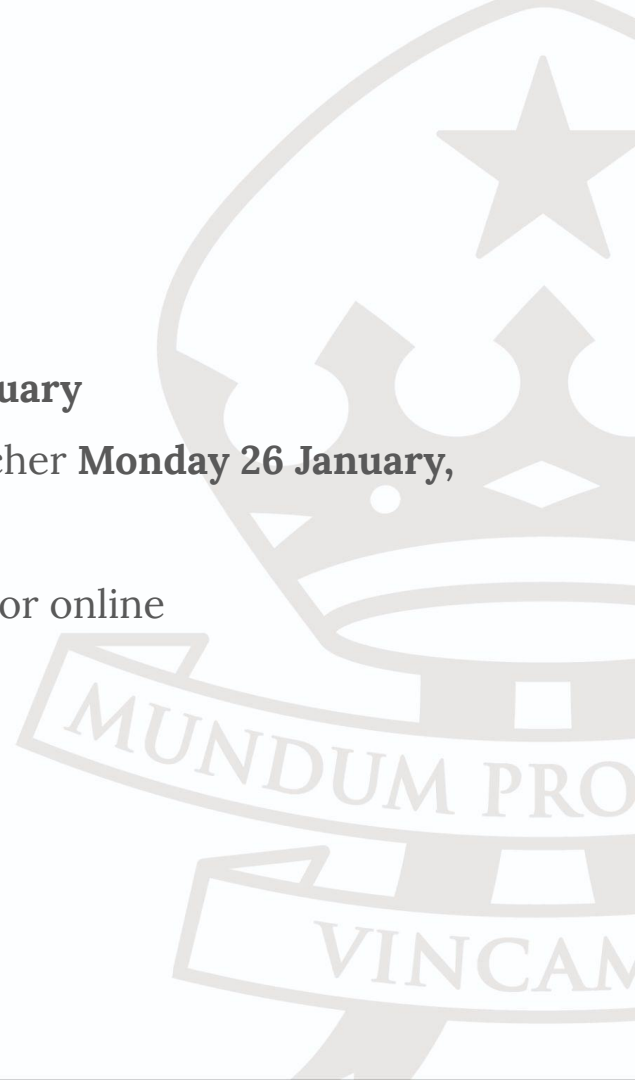
Advanced Higher – S6 only

- Students can choose a maximum of 3 Advanced Highers
- For most university courses, you do not need advanced highers
- One Advanced Higher is recommended and this should be the subject you want to study at university
- Courses like veterinary and medicine will require advanced highers
- You should normally only choose to study Advanced Highers if you have achieved 5 Highers in S5
- It is advised that you achieve an A or B in a subject to take this subject to advanced higher
- Courses will only run if numbers are viable / may be MACO or online
- MACO offer will increase the number of AHs available



Key Dates

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