

S4 Course Choice 2026



January 2026

Coursing: Key Messages

Career aspirations: *What do I need to do to get there?*

Post-school pathways: *University, College, Modern Apprenticeships, etc?*

Research: *School website, My World of Work, University / College websites, etc.*

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

Please note:

All coursing forms must be signed by a parent/carer and your Guidance teacher prior to the return deadline

S3 moving to S4

- [Course choice forms](#) will be emailed to parents on **Friday 30 January**
- Course choice forms to be completed at home with parents by **Wednesday 4 February**
- Teachers will check the choices you have made
- Coursing appointment should be made with your guidance teacher during the S3 parents evening on **Wednesday 11 February**
- Guidance teachers will call parents who do not attend parents evening to confirm / discuss choices further
- N5 subjects normally require study in S3 / please check with your teacher

S4 Course Choice Options 2026_2027

All pupils will study 3 compulsory subjects and choose 4 additional subjects of choice.

Compulsory Subjects	Humanities	Science	Technologies	Health & Wellbeing & RME	Expressive Arts	Other
N3/4/5 English	N4/5 History	N4/5 Biology	N4/5 Design & Manufacture	L5 Sport and Recreation	N4/5 Music	L5 Construction
N5 Mathematics	N4/5 Geography	N4/5 Physics	N4/5 Graphic Design	N4/5 Home Economics	N4/5 Music Technology	L5 Future Skills
N4/5 Applications of Mathematics	N4/5 Modern Studies	N4/5 Chemistry	N4/5 Woodwork	N5 Dance	N4/5 Art	L5 Hospitality
N3/4/5 Physical Education	L5 Childcare	N4 Science	N4/5 Computing Studies	N5 RMPS	N5 Fashion Technology	L5 Hairdressing
	L5 Travel and Tourism		N4/5 Business Studies		L5 Photography	College offer
	N4/5 French					
	N4/5 Spanish					

Please note:

1. Mathematics courses to be agreed with Mrs Marrell
2. Science courses to be agreed with Mrs Goddard
3. Courses at Edinburgh college need to be agreed with your guidance teacher and application completed.
4. Courses will only run if there are viable numbers
5. Some courses may be delivered in partnership with Dalkeith High School
6. Some choice combination will not work in the best fit model. If this happens your guidance teacher will talk through your options.

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	S4 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](#)

Please note

- Classes will only run if there are viable numbers
- You are not guaranteed a place in a class that is oversubscribed
- Columns may change, depending on suitability
- Please ensure you have discussed suitability for each course with your current teacher
- The aim for most students, is to achieve at least 5 Level 5 qualifications during S4

