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Curricular Choice Evening

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S2 Year head

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The Curricular Choice Process

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- Work backwards
- What is your positive, sustainable destination?
- What do you need for this area, course or job?
- In S6 all young people study at least 1 AH and a total of 4 subjects. What is your AH?
- In S5 all young people study 5 Highers. What will your 5 Highers be?
- In S4 the majority of young people will sit 8 National 5s.

The Curricular Choice Process

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- How do we ensure these are the correct choices?
- Assessment strategies in S1 and S2
- Wellbeing check-ins and PSHE programme
- Subject discussions and reports
- Skills Development Scotland interviews and input
- Choose a broad curriculum that keeps doors open.
- Choose the subjects for you, not for family, friends or teachers.
- 2 languages; speak to Ms Wright (PT Modern Languages) then Mr Mutch
- 3 sciences; why? Speak to Mr Ferns (PT Science)
- 3 social subjects; why? Speak to Ms Mowat (PT Social Subjects)

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S3 Curriculum Overview

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How many periods of each subject will my child receive?

- English
- Maths
- All other curricular subjects

What is new to the curriculum?

- The ability to study all 3 sciences
- The option to choose which language to study
- Application of Maths, Health & Food Technology, Psychology
- Flexibility to adapt to your chosen pathway

What else makes up the 33 periods?

- Religious and Moral Education: Nat 5 or Core
- Physical Education: Nat 5, Core or both
- PSHE

SCQF Ambassadors

- Aisla and Elizabeth
- SCQF Bronze school
- Work with pupils, teachers and parents to understand the changes in Scottish qualifications
- Help young people understand the different routes to a positive, sustainable destination

SCQF Ambassadors

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Past

- Scotland's qualifications landscape has changed considerably over the years.
- From O' Grades and Standard Grades, through to today's Nationals and National Progression Awards, it can be difficult to understand the changes.
- Our role is to help you understand how qualifications from your own education relate to today's qualifications.

SCQF Ambassadors

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Present

- Your child might be studying, or about to study, Nationals, Highers, National Progression Awards, Skills for Work Awards, a Foundation Apprenticeship, or other qualifications.
- Don't forget there are many learning programmes on the SCQF your child might be involved in at school or in their spare time.
- All of these qualifications are now used by employers, colleges and universities to help your child reach their positive, sustainable destination.

SCQF Ambassadors

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Future

- Does your child know what they want to do next?
- If they're considering university, they might follow a traditional route with Nationals, then Highers.
- But there's more than one path to their ideal career.
- They might prefer a Foundation Apprenticeship at SCQF level 6, or a college course for hands-on training. Learning while working through a Modern Apprenticeship is also a rewarding option.

Ambition

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The curriculum is constantly evolving to reflect the rapid changes we now see across the world.

Top 10 jobs that did not exist 10 years ago.

Driverless car engineer	Zoom manager
Chatgpt Developer	Data scientist
Prompt engineer	AI architect
Drone pilot	E-sport athlete
Tiktok Marketeer	Cloud architect
Crypto adviser	Blockchain analyst

S2 Curricular Choice Timeline

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20 Jan

- S2 report issued with recommended pathway for each curricular area

27 Jan

- Curricular Choice Evening

30 Jan

- Mock options

2 Feb

- A week of PSHE lessons on Choosing for Success

2 Feb

- S2 pupils will receive subject specific lessons on NQ courses and potential pathways

19 Feb

- S2 Parents' Evening – this is to discuss curricular options.
- Please only make appointments for subjects you need to see.

24 Feb

- S2 pupils will be invited to their curriculum choice interview



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Choosing for Success

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Transitions Last Session

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End of S6 Positive Destinations	%
Positive destinations	99

S5/S6 Level of Study

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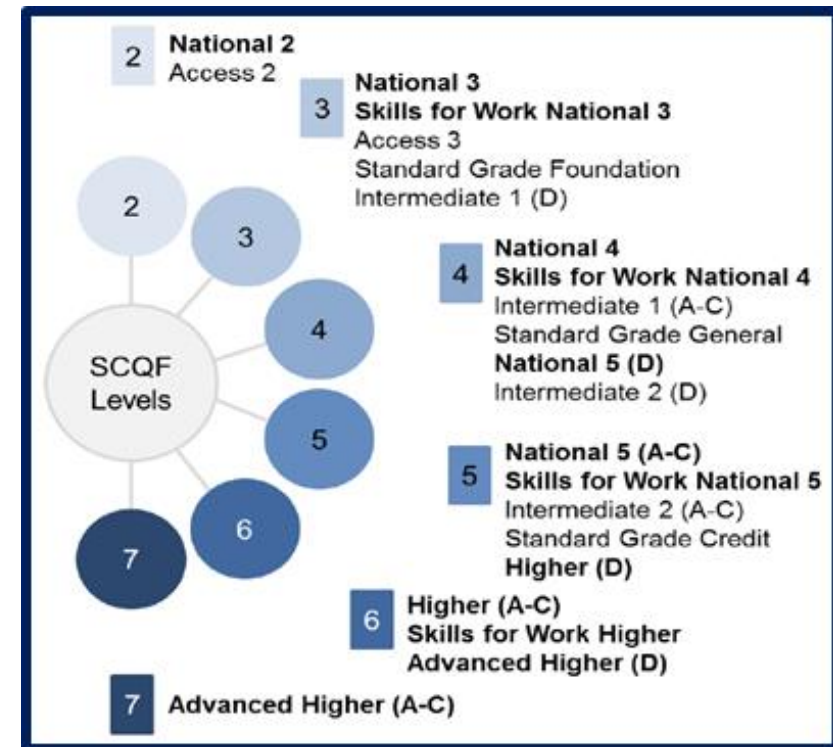
School based courses:

Level 5

- National 5
- NPAs – levels 5 and 6
- Higher
- Advanced Higher
- Level 8

A range of vocational courses at levels 4-8:

- Accounting
- Building Service Engineering
- Beauty and Complementary Therapy Skills
- Introduction to paramedics
- Introduction to Forensic Science



Pathways



Return for a Fifth/Sixth Year



Further/Higher Education



Apprenticeships: Modern,
Intermediate, Graduate



Employment

Making the Right Choice

- 5 subjects
- 6 periods per subject
- P.E. / PSHE / Elective (1 period each)
- Continuity and progression in S5
- Career path

Example Timetable

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
M	History	History	Maths	Maths	Elective	P.E	P.E
T	Computing	Computing	Maths	Maths	PSHE	English	English
W	Computing	Computing	History	History	P.E	P.E	
Th	Maths	Maths	P.E	P.E	Core PE	English	English
F	English	English	History	History	Computing	Computing	

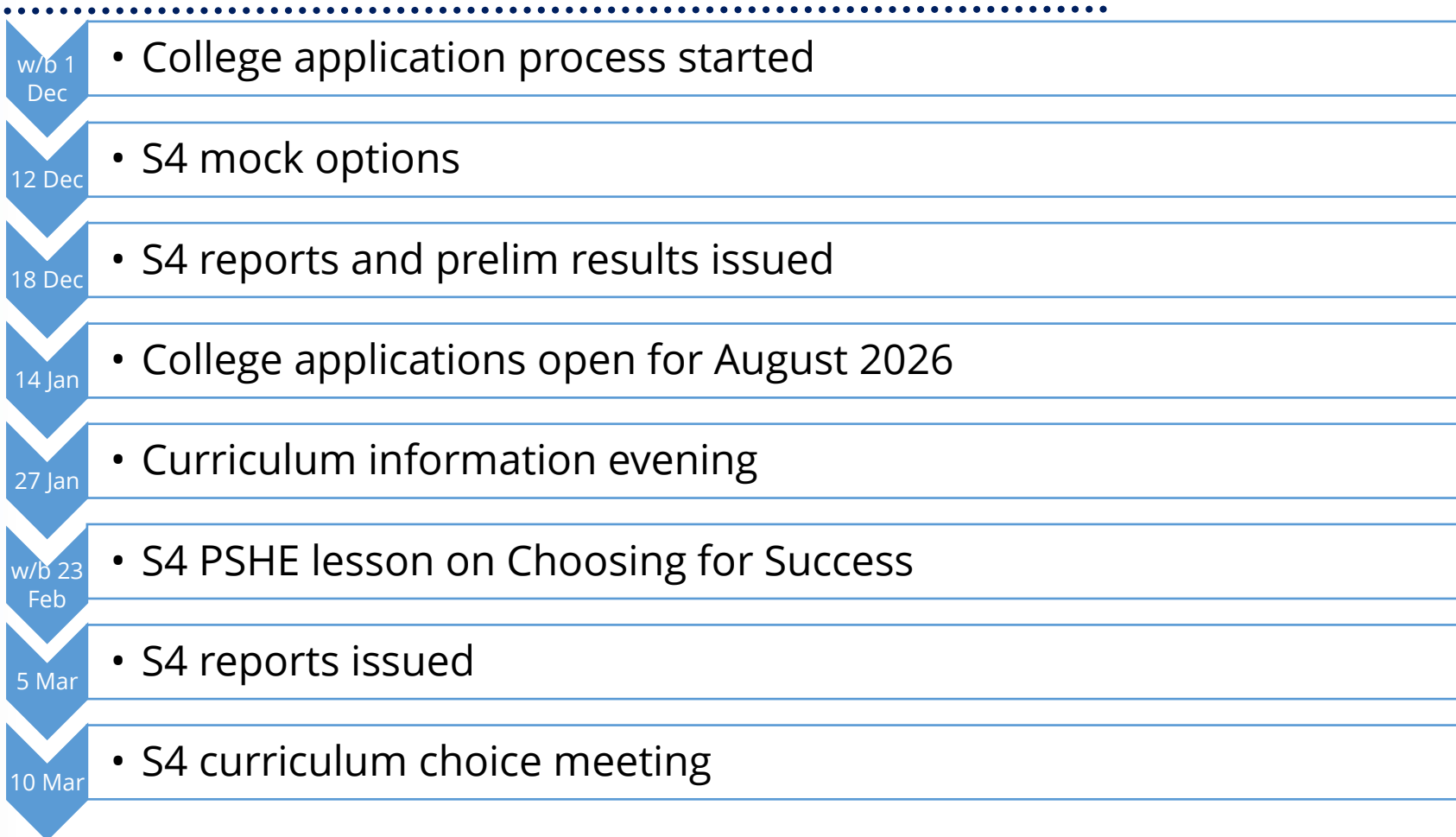
Curricular Choice Form

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S5 Curricular Choice Form

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
Biology (H) Business Management (H) Chemistry (H) English (H, N5) Physical Education (H) Physics (H) RMPS (H)	Applications of Mathematics (N5) French (H) Geography (H) History (H) Mathematics (H) Modern Studies (H) Photography (H) Physical Education (H)	Applications of Mathematics (H) Biology (H) Business Management (H) Chemistry (H) Computing Science (H) Graphic Communication (H) Mathematics (H) Modern Studies (H) Music Technology (H) Physics (H) Travel & Tourism (N5)	Art & Design (H) English (H) Fashion & Textiles (H) Geography (H) Music (H) Spanish (H) Vocational Courses	Art & Design (H) Biology (H) Chemistry (H) Design & Manufacture (Product Design) (H) Drama (H) Geography (H) History (H) Music (H) Physical Education (H) Physics (H) Scientific Technologies (NPA L6)

S4 Curricular Choice Timeline





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S5 Year head

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Choosing for Success

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Leavers Attainment: 5+ Level 6 or better (A – C)

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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Williamwood	71	69	72	70	66	75
Virtual Comparat or	46	54	49	49	49	48

Leavers Attainment: 1+ Level 7 or better (A – C)

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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Williamwood	48	45	46	49	47	52
Virtual Comparat or	35	39	36	35	34	34

Making the Right Choice in S6

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- All young people study 4 subjects
- Where progression is possible, at least one subject should be an Advanced Higher
- Range of new courses
- Pupils can also revisit subjects previously studied in S4

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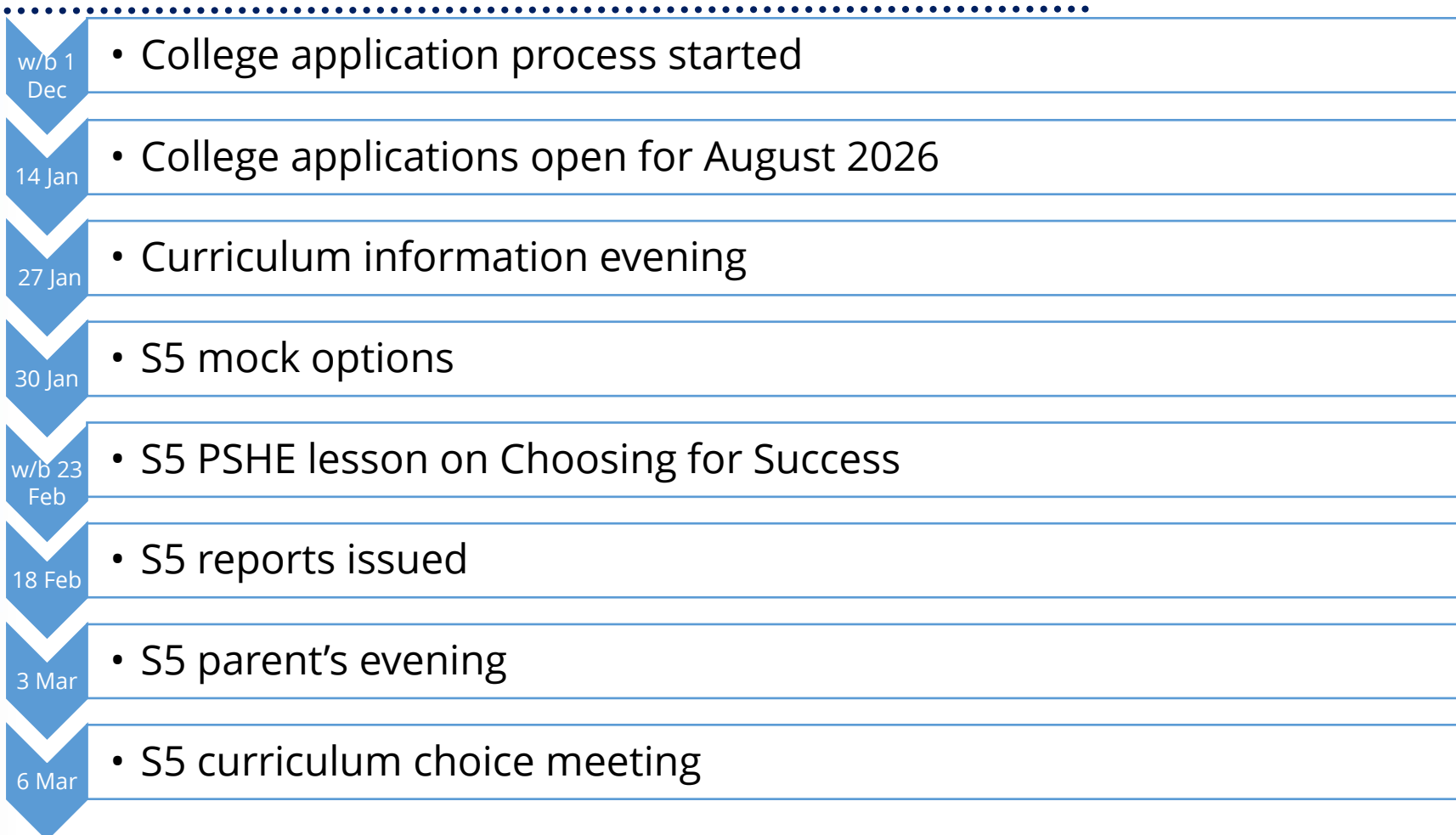
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Biology (AH, H) Business Management (H) Chemistry (AH, H) English (H) Physical Education (AH, H) Physics (AH, H) RMPS (AH, H) Sports Development (NPA L6)	French (AH, H) Geography (AH, H) History (AH, H) Mathematics (AH, H) Modern Studies (AH, H) Photography (H) Physical Education (H)	Accounting (H) Applications of Mathematics (H) Biology (AH, H) Business Management (AH, H) Chemistry (H) Computing Science (AH, H) Graphic Communication (H) Mathematics (AH, H) Modern Studies (H) Music Technology (H) Philosophy (H) Physics (AH, H)	Art & Design (AH, H) English (AH, H) Fashion & Textiles (H) Geography (H) Music (AH, H) Politics (H) Spanish (AH, H) Vocational Courses	Architecture (L6) Art & Design (AH, H) Biology (H) Chemistry (AH, H) Design & Manufacture (Product Design) (H) Drama (AH, H) Geography (H) History (H) Music (AH, H) Physical Education (H) Physics (H) Psychology (H) Scientific Technologies (NPA L6)

S6 Legacy

- Leadership
- Role model
- Opportunity to give back to Williamwood
- Working with young people

S5 Curricular Choice Timeline





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Skills Development Scotland

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Principal Teacher of Pupil Support

Vocational Lead

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Support for Pupils and Parents

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- PT Pupil Support (House group)
- PSHE programme
- S5/S6 Options booklet
- Skills Development Scotland (Careers adviser)
- University and college literature/admissions
- Advertisements for vacancies/apprenticeships (website)
- My World of Work - <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/>
- Planit plus – www.planitplus.net/Nationals
- PT DYW
- Class teachers

Working together: You can help by...

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- Communicating with PT Pupil Support
- Discussing choices with your child
- Encouraging your child to research possible careers
- Supporting your child to study for their prelims and final examinations

College Applications

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**Apply now for courses
starting in August!**

Take your next step and explore courses
starting in August.

Find out more and apply →

Vocational Programme

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HIGH SCHOOL**



Partners



CITY OF GLASGOW
COLLEGE



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College**



University of
Strathclyde



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Vocational

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Hair and Beauty

Horticulture, Hospitality and Landscaping

Sport

Aviation and Travel

Construction and Engineering

Access and Continued Education

Uniformed and Emergency Services

Fashion and Design

Business and Finance

Care, Health, Life Science and Social Care

Humanities and Social Sciences

Creative and Digital Industries and Music

Vehicle Systems

Vocational Programme

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Glasgow Kelvin College – Springburn Campus
SCQF Level 7 – Open to S6 Pupils

ATTENDANCE PATTERN

Monday and Tuesday all day.

Please note, that unlike other options, this course requires continuous attendance from August to June and may impact on other subjects attendance. In addition, you will travel independently by bus or train.

PUPIL ELIGIBILITY

You must have:

- Higher Maths or Higher Physics

CHILDCARE DEVELOPMENT

Glasgow Clyde College – Langside Campus
SCQF Level 4 – Open to S5/6 Pupils

ATTENDANCE PATTERN

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (1.30pm to 4pm).
The duration of the course is August to April.

PUPIL ELIGIBILITY

You must have:

- English National 4

Vocational Programme

Transport

- Organised through ERC

Attendance

- Most common: Column D, Tuesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon at college



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