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S4 Pathways

S3 into S4 Course Choices

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What will I study in S4?

- It is a time to think about your future and what curricular area pathways you want to progress in
- S4 should be purposeful and allow you to both achieve and attain for your future
- You will have the chance to select 5 subjects in S4 plus English & Maths (7 subjects in total)





PATHWAYS BOOKLET

For pupils in S3 choosing their subjects in S4

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2026-27

What will I study in S4?

All will study:

- English (5 periods)
- Maths (5 periods)
- Skills For Life which consists of 1 period of RME/1 period of PSE (changes throughout year) and 2 Periods of PE
- **They do not appear on the choices sheet**
- You will then select **5 subjects** (4 periods)



S3 into S4 Option Choices

Pupil: Joe Bloggs
Class: 3LEAD1
Guidance Teacher: Mr McKenzie

You will study 7 subjects in S4, English and Maths are compulsory alongside Core PE, RE and Learner Journey. The table below shows your S3 subjects.

Using the numbers 1 to 7, please order, in preference, your subjects for S4. **Numbers 6 & 7 will be your reserve choices.**

Your current courses	Order of Preference
English	Compulsory
Mathematics	
Business Management	
Art & Design	
Physical Education	
Physics	
Chemistry	
Biology	
Modern Studies	
New Senior Phase Courses	
Below is a table of subjects that are only available in the Senior Phase (S4-S6).	
Business & IT SCQF L5	
Computing Science SCQF L4/5	
Creative Industries: Junk Kouture L5	
Employability & Enterprise L4/5	
Health & Food Technology L4/5	
Practical Cookery L4/5	
Horticulture L4	
Practical Electronics L4/5	
Travel & Tourism L4/5	
Borders College Schools Academy (see options on reverse)	

Important(!)

If you wish to pick up a **new** subject, other than those in the table above, you must discuss this with the Faculty Head of the subject and your Guidance teacher for consideration.

Once this has been completed and discussed with both your parent/carer(s) and your Guidance teacher you should complete the form:

How do I make my choices?

1. Against your subjects (Not English/Maths) you put a number from 1 to 7.
 - Number 1 is your first choice and so on.
 - Number 6 + 7 are your **reserve** choices
2. Don't forget to look at the subjects that are now available to you in S4 – these can be included in your numbers 1 to 7
3. We always work hard to get pupils their choices, but we cannot guarantee them



What levels of courses are available to me?

The following link should help explain the key terms and the progression of levels: <https://scqf.org.uk/about-the-framework/interactive-framework/>

- **National Progression Awards (NPAs)**

- available in a variety of sectors and aimed at assessing a defined set of skills and knowledge in specialist vocational areas.

- **National 4 Courses**

- Made up of units.
- The units are assessed pass or fail by a teacher/lecturer and learners need to pass units including the added value unit to achieve the qualification.

- **National 5**

- Assessed through an exam or coursework or both, most of which will be marked by the SQA.
- Courses graded A to D or 'No Award'. Together we learn; together we grow



Borders Schools Academy

- Courses run by Scottish Borders College.
- All will run on a Friday from 10.00 am to 2.30pm unless stated otherwise.
- Please note college students will have transportation to and from school but as return to EHS is after school buses leave on Friday, students will have to make their own way home.
- Can only select **ONE** college course due to timings



Borders Schools Academy

- Find out about the course you are interested in <https://www.borderscollege.ac.uk/courses> and search the course of your choice.
- You can also visit <https://www.borderscollege.ac.uk/courses> and select Schools Academy from the 'Type of study' search filter.
- **If applying for Borders Schools Academy course you must apply yourself through Borders College website** <https://www.borderscollege.ac.uk/>



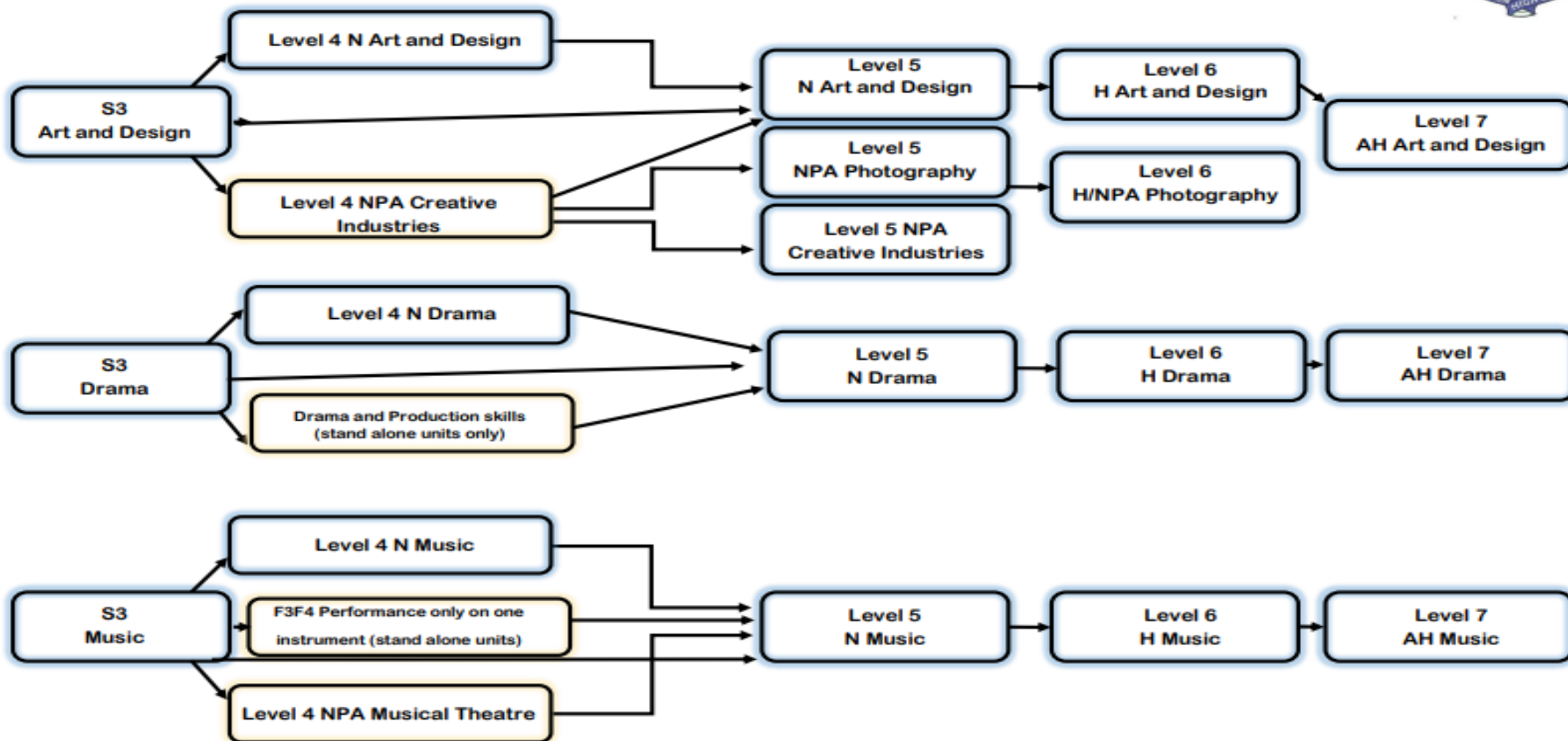
Borders Schools Academy 2024-25				
Subject	Level	Location	Day/Time	Priority
Foundation Apprenticeship: Hospitality	5	SBC	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 30th May	
Scottish Racing Academy: NPA Horse Care	4	SBC/Yard	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 28th March	
Scottish Racing Academy: Racing Yard Routine NPA	5	SBC/Yard	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 28th March	
Local Food Production NPA	6	NSB	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 30th May	
Forestry at SCQF NPA	5	NSB	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 28th March	
Land-based: Rural Skills for Work	4	NSB	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 28th March	
Animal Care (an Introduction)	4	NSB	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 28th March	
Gym Instructor award	6	SBC	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 30th May	
Development Player Programme: Rugby	6	SBC	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 30th May	
Development Player Programme: Football	6	SBC	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 30th May	
Cyber Security NPA	5	SBC	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 28th March	
Engineering Schools Academy Group 2 - Gala - Schools Link	4	SBC	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 30th May	
Foundation Apprenticeship: Automotive Skills - Nat 4 - Schools	4	SBC	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 30th May	
Skills for Work: Early Education and Childcare - Nat 4 - Schools Link	4	SBC	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 28th March	
Skills for Learning and Work Link -Schools Link - 1 Day	3	SBC	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 30th May	
Psychology (Higher) – NQ – Schools Link	6	SBC	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 30th May	
Foundation Apprenticeship: Construction Craft & Technician - NPA - Schools Link	4	Galashiels	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 30th May	
Foundation Apprenticeship: Construction Craft & Technician – NPA – Schools Link	4	Jedburgh	Fri 23rd Aug - Fri 30th May	

What is a Pathway?

- You will be given the opportunity to specialise in your chosen subjects in S4
- We want you to think about various curricular pathways so we have included the progression and possible attainment that each subject and curricular area bring
- Each curricular area has created a pathway picture to help – see next slide



SENIOR PHASE PATHWAYS EXPRESSIVE ARTS



How do I know what the courses are like?

For each subject we have provided a course choice table

This gives you:

1. **An outline** = what the subject is about
2. **What will I cover** = The key knowledge areas in the course
3. **Skills** = What skills you will cover in S4
4. **Attainment** = What qualifications can you attain S4
5. **Progression** = What can you go onto study in S5
6. **Information from** = Who can I talk to to get more information



COURSE	History National 4/5
What will I cover?	<p>The course consists of three units:</p> <p>Unit 1 – Changing Britain 1760-1914 A topic examining the social, <u>economic</u> and political developments that transformed life across Britain between 1760 and 1900.</p> <p>Unit 2 – The Era of the Great War 1910-1928 A study of the experiences of Scots in The Great War and its impact on life in Scotland.</p> <p>Unit 3 – Hitler and Nazi Germany 1919-1939 A study of the rise to power of Hitler and The Nazis and how it impacted on aspects of German life 1919-1939.</p>
Assessment	<p>Internal Assessment We will prepare for the exam with 2 assessments on each topic.</p> <p>External assessment An <u>80 mark</u>, 2 hour 20 minute exam paper testing knowledge and skills. An added value essay written up in exam conditions in 1 hour. This is out of 20 marks and makes up 20% of the overall award.</p>
Homework	Homework will be issued on a regular basis. Homework should last about an hour per week and may include specific activities, completion of classwork, consolidation of learning and revision.
Attainment	National 4 or 5 History
Entry Requirements	Having studied S3 History or National 4 or 5 in any other Humanities subject By negotiation with the department
Progression	Higher History National 4 or 5 Travel & Tourism
Information from	Mrs Grant Together we learn; together we grow

When do I make my choices?

- Deadline is end of **your Learner Journey period week beginning February 2nd**.
- Late forms run the risk of losing out on choices
- Please note – we will do our best to give you your choices, but we cannot guarantee them
- You cannot change your choices until the creation of timetable



What support will I have?

1. Access to our S4 Pathways Choices booklet
2. Guidance Teacher will meet with you 1-on-1 to go over your choices
3. You will receive an up-to-date tracking report on your class progress
4. You will get a practice sheet to take home and discuss with home



Pathway options beyond EHS

- Graduate Apprenticeships
- University
- College
- Modern Apprenticeships
- Employment
- Travel
- Training Programmes
- Entrepreneurship



Online Support

- My World of Work:
<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/>
- Pathways-Subject Choice Planit : Career Pathways [Planit : Career Pathways \(planitplus.net\)](http://planitplus.net)
- A-Z Career Options [Planit : Careers A to Z \(planitplus.net\)](http://planitplus.net)

