

James Gillespie's High School – S4 into S5 Subject Choice



The following are core subjects during S5:

- PSE (1 period)
- Core PE (1 period)
- S5 activity (1 period - this replaces core RME)

These will automatically be added to your timetable.



You will need to choose **5 subjects** from the table below.

This should be at the appropriate level e.g:
Higher/ Level 6 English if you are on course to pass Nat. 5/ level 5/ English, Nat. 5/ level 5 Biology if you are presented for Nat. 4/ level 4 Biology in S4 etc.



SCHOOL COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To choose a subject at Higher/level 6 in S5, **pupils must meet the entry requirements**. Pupils who are not on track to achieve this will be advised to choose an alternative subject by their Pupil Support Leader at their individual coursing discussion conducted during January 2025. PSLs will use attainment tracking and evidence of progress when discussing appropriate courses.

Entry requirements for a Higher/level 6 course of study are:

- Grade A or B at National 5/Level 5 in the same or closely related subject (e.g. For H Engineering Science, A or B at N5 Physics would be considered)
- Grade C will be considered on an individual basis after consultation with your PSL and the Curricular Leader.

Grade D or lower will not be permitted entry to a Higher/level 6 course of study due to the increased challenge at this level. More information on SQA exam progression statistics from Nat. 5 to Higher can be found on the Progression Tables: [found here](#)

Additional information:

- Please thoroughly research the content and detail for each course in Section 4 of this booklet.
- You must ensure you have met the entry requirements before choosing your courses.
- You must let your PSL know if you are considering leaving school at the end of this academic session. (May 2025)
- Course choices will be made using the online system TOOLS – your PSL will enter your subject choices into this after a coursing discussion with you.
- Deadline for course choice is **Friday 21st February 2025**. If you do not submit choices by then, you may be allocated subjects not of your own choosing.

Please note that the school may need to amend or remove any of the courses listed below due to pupil uptake or staffing capacity. If this occurs, reserve subjects will be used.

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Qualification Level	School Based Subjects			
SCQF Level 4 National 4/NPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Games Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPA Cyber Security
SCQF Level 5 National 5 National Progression Award (NPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art and Design Application of Maths Biology Chemistry Communication and Literature (English) Computing Science Computer Games Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative Thinking Cyber Security Dance English French Geography German Graphic Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laboratory Science Leadership in Languages Mandarin Mathematics Mental Health and Wellbeing Media Studies Modern Studies Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Education Physics Practical Cake Craft Product Design and Manufacture Psychology Spanish Sports Leadership and Exercise and Fitness Travel and Tourism
SCQF Level 6 Higher National Progression Award (NPA) Foundation Apprenticeship (FA) - 1 year course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art and Design Application of Maths Biology Business Business Skills (at Boroughmuir H.S.) Chemistry Classical Studies Communication and Literature (English) Computing Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative Thinking Dance Drama Engineering Science English Environmental Science French Gàidhlig Geography German Graphic Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History Human Biology Journalism Leadership in Mod. Languages Mandarin Mathematics Media Studies Modern Studies Music Music Technology Philosophy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Education Physics Product Design & Manufacture Psychology RMPS Scientific Technologies Social Services, Children and Young People Spanish Sports Leadership and Exercise and Fitness
COLLEGE COURSES: Schools College Partnership (SCP) and 2-year Foundation Apprenticeship	<p>You may also apply for other Foundation Apprenticeships (full 2-year course) at college or a Schools College Partnership course as one of your options. Edinburgh College offer many other courses and pathways from level 5 upwards - please use the link below for the courses on offer for 2025. This is currently being updated but all 2025 courses will be finalised by the end of January and information shared with pupils and parents/carers.</p> <p>SCP and college FA courses will be timetabled for Tuesday & Thursday afternoons - pupils will need to travel to the relevant campus.</p> <p>Applications MUST be made separately (online by you) at https://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/courses/for-school-pupils</p> <p>Please let your Pupil Support Leader know if you are interested in applying for a college FA or SCP course when submitting your choices with them.</p> <p>Please refer to the course information on the college website and, if interested, select 'College' on the course choice form.</p>			