



Senior Phase Pathways



17 in S2

Broad General Education

In S3 all pupils follow a broad general education across 8 curricular areas. The curricular areas are:

- 1 Languages/Literacy
- 2 Maths/Numeracy
- 3 Social Studies
- 4 Science
- 5 Expressive Arts
- 6 Technologies
- 7 Health & Wellbeing
- 8 Religious & Moral Education

In S3, you narrowed your subjects down to 11 subjects plus core PE, PSE, and RE.

11 in S3

Senior Phase

When you go into the Senior Phase (S4 – S6) you study even fewer subjects.

In S4 you will study 6 subjects of the subjects you studied in S3 plus the core subjects of PE and PSE.

Senior Phase

When you go into the Senior Phase (S4 – S6) you study even fewer subjects.

In S5 you will continue with 5 of the 6 S4 subjects plus Personal Development and Leadership.

Senior Phase

When you go into the Senior Phase (S4 – S6) you study even fewer subjects.

In S6 you will study a minimum of 4 Subjects**, but most pupils will continue with 5.

Senior Phase

Hopefully, you have taken some time to think about your future career and have done some research around the qualifications you will need to get there.

<https://screenpal.com/watch/c0lj6vVmpBD>

S4 Pathways Process

The starting point is your S3 report. You need to read this carefully and identify the subjects you enjoy and the subjects you are good at.

The S3 Parents Evening on Thursday 8th Feb.

Tonight – take a pathway form home.

Hopefully the subjects you enjoy / are good at are the same ones you identify as being required for your career pathway.

S4 LEARNER PATHWAY 2024 - 2025



NAME: **TUTOR CLASS:**

A	B	C	D	E	F
Biology	English	Admin & IT	Admin & IT	Art & Design	Business Management
Care (with childcare)	French	Art & Design	Biology	Drama	Chemistry
History	Music	Business Man	English	English	Drama
Maths	Music Technology	Chemistry	Laboratory Science	Graphic Communication	English
Practical woodworking	Physical Education	Creative Industries	Modern Studies	History	Geography
Retail	Practical Cookery	Health Sector	Physical Education	Modern Studies	Health Sector
RMPS	Retail	Maths	Physics	Practical Cookery	Media
Spanish	RMPS	Media		Travel -WL College	Practical Cookery
		Music			Practical Woodworking

Pupils must choose ONE option in each column. Put a tick next to your choices.
All pupils MUST continue to study English. English must be selected in B or D or E or F
ALL CLASSES ARE SUBJECT TO PUPIL NUMBERS AND STAFF AVAILABILITY

Parent/Carer's signature _____
SLT signature _____

Career Aspiration

When do you plan to leave school?

S5 Pathways Process

In S5 you will continue with 5 of the 6 S4 subjects plus Personal Development and Leadership.

Must continue with strongest subjects – cannot drop out a good N5 to crash a Higher.

Can crash in S6 if have good set of Highers in S5.

We are aspirational – most pupils pick 5 Highers.

S5 LEARNER PATHWAY 2024 - 2025



NAME:

TUTOR CLASS:

Level of Study	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
National 5	Biology	English	Admin & IT	Admin & IT	Art & Design
	Care(with childcare)	French	Art & Design	Biology	Drama
	History	Music	Business Man	English	English
	Maths	Music Technology	Chemistry	Laboratory Science	Graphic Communication
	Practical woodworking	Physical Education	Creative Industries	Modern Studies	History
	Retail	Practical Cookery	Health Sector	Physical Education	Modern Studies
	RMPS	Retail	Maths	Physics	Practical Cookery
	Spanish	RMPS	Media		
Higher			Music		
	Computing Science	Admin & IT	Art & Design	Business Management	Admin & IT
	Health & Social Care	Engineering Science	Drama	English	Art & Design
	Human Biology	English	English	History	Chemistry
	Maths (Apps)	French	Environmental Science	Human Biology	English
	Maths	Music	Health & Food Technology	Modern Studies	Graphic Communication
	Media	Music Technology	Maths	Photography	History
	Photography	Politics	Modern Studies	Physical Education	Media
	Physics		Music	Sociology	Physical Education
Spanish				RMPS	
Your Choice	Level:	Level:	Level:	Level:	Level:
	Subject:	Subject:	Subject:	Subject:	Subject:

Pupils must choose ONE option in each column, fill in the level/subject chosen under each column.

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S6 Pathways

We ensure all our S6 leave with 5 Highers.

If you don't achieve 5 in S5 then priority in S6 is achieve a minimum of 5.

Any S6 who does not achieve Leadership, PD, Employability in S5 will do this in S6 instead of private study period.

Any S6 who has not achieved L6 Literacy and Numeracy in S5 will do this in S6 instead of private study period.

S6 Pathways

If you achieve 5 Highers in S5 at A/B then you should aspire to do Baccalaureate.

If you achieve 5 Highers in S5 and not doing Baccalaureate then you must do one Advanced Higher.

Wider Achievement can only be picked if you have achieved a minimum of 3 Highers in S5 and should get minimum of 5 by end of S6. Wider Achievement must be timetabled in a Faculty for the year and sign off after 100 hours.

Pupils are not allowed to “drop subjects” in S6.

S6 Pathways

Advanced Highers in Whitburn Academy:
We try to run as many as possible

West Lothian Academy:
Blended learning experience with some direct teaching but mainly independent study.

This experience is great preparation for Uni but you must have the discipline to work independently.

LEAPS – course offered by Edinburgh University for pupils achieving 3 or less Highers in S5.

S6 Pathways

S6 LEARNER PATHWAY 2024 - 2025



NAME: TUTOR CLASS:

Level of Study	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
National 5	Biology	English	Admin & IT	Admin & IT	Art & Design
	Care (with childcare)	French	Art & Design	Biology	Drama
	History	Music	Business Man	English	English
	Maths	Music Technology	Chemistry	Laboratory Science	Graphic Communication
	Practical woodworking	Physical Education	Creative Industries	Modern Studies	History
	Retail	Practical Cookery	Health Sector	Physical Education	Modern Studies
	RMPS	Retail	Maths	Physics	Practical Cookery
	Spanish	RMPS	Media		
Higher	Computing Science	Admin & IT	Art & Design	Business Management	Admin & IT
	Health & Social Care	Engineering Science	Drama	English	Art & Design
	Human Biology	English	Environmental Science	History	Chemistry
	Maths (Apps)	French	Health & Food Technology	Human Biology	English
	Media	Music	History	Photography	Graphic Communication
	Photography	Music Technology	Maths	Physical Education	Media
	Physics	Politics	Modern Studies	Sociology	Physical Education
	Spanish		Music		RMPS
Advanced Higher	Chemistry	Biology	Art & Design	Maths	Art & Design
	Spanish	French	Music	WLVA 2nd AH subject	Business Management
	WLVA 2nd AH subject	Music	WLVA 2nd AH subject		Physical Education
		WLVA 2nd AH subject			WLVA 1st AH Subject
Other	BAC IP	BAC IP	BAC IP	BAC IP	BAC IP
		Wider Achievement		Wider Achievement	L7 LEAPS
Your Choice	Level:	Level:	Level:	Level:	Level:
	Subject:	Subject:	Subject:	Subject:	Subject:

Pupils must choose ONE option in each column, fill in the level/subject chosen under each column.

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S6 Pathways

West Lothian Virtual Academy (WLVA) Advanced Higher

You can choose to study up to two Advanced Highers through WLVA. This will be a blended learning experience with some direct teaching however, will mainly be independent study. This experience will set you up well for University however, you need to be confident that you have the discipline to work independently.

The courses being offered are shown on the back of this form. Business Management and PE are being offered through WLVA however, these courses will be delivered by Whitburn Academy teachers hence these two subjects appear on our Pathways form as normal.

If you are only choosing one WLVA Advanced Higher then you choose 'WLVA 1st AH Subject' in column E and indicate which subject you wish to study from the choices below.

If you are choosing to study two Advanced Highers through WLVA then choose the first in column E and the second in any of columns A - D then indicate which subjects you wish to study from the choices below.

WLVA Advanced Highers (you should ONLY choose a subject here if the school is not offering it, or you can't fit the school offer with your other subjects).

Biology	Business	Chemistry	Computing	English	Graphics
History	Maths	Modern Studies	Music	Physical Education	Physics
RMPS					

Baccalaureate

You can study for a Baccalaureate (BAC) in Languages, Science, Social Subjects or Expressive Arts. The BAC is a group award consisting of two Advanced Highers, a Higher, and an Interdisciplinary Project (IP). The IP is a graded award and is the equivalent of a Higher therefore you choose the BAC IP in a column. So, in S6 you need to choose two Advanced Highers and the IP. You also need to have achieved the required Higher in S5. To be eligible to study for a Baccalaureate you must achieve a grade A or B at Higher for the two subjects you wish to study at Advanced Higher. The SQA website will give you the eligible subjects for each of the four available BACS.

LEAPS

This course is offered by Edinburgh University. It is a mix of in person (at Edinburgh University) and online learning. Successful completion of this course will result in a SCQF Level 7 qualification. It will also help you to transition to University and may lower entry requirements. You should only consider this course if you think you will achieve three Highers or less in S5.

Wider Achievement

Wider Achievement provides the opportunity for you to achieve a Saltire Award by volunteering for a **minimum of 100 hours**. You will also complete Level 6 Literacy and Level 6 Numeracy if you have not yet achieved Highers in English and Maths. You can only choose Wider Achievement in ONE column if you achieve a minimum of 3 Highers in S5. You must find a faculty willing to have you to complete your volunteering hours. You will remain timetabled with this faculty for the year.

Mock Pathways

Since the choice of subjects that you can continue with are very limited it is important that the school tries to offer the best possible combination of subjects for you.

You have already had the chance to mock forms:

- With Mr Bulloch in the hall.
- In PSE classes.

These mock forms gave **you** the opportunity to tell the school if there is a combination of subjects that you would like to study but can't because of where they are placed in the Pathways Form.

What happens now?

Next steps:

This week = S3 to S4 Pathways interviews begin.

Friday 1st March = S3 into S4 Pathways complete.

Thursday 29th Feb = S4 and S5 assembly with reports issued and pathways forms.

Monday 4th March = New S5 and S6 Pathways interviews begin.

Friday 15th March = New S5 and S6 pathways done.

Bring your signed Pathways sheet for your Interview.

Exams

9 weeks away!

Masterclasses started tonight and run up to Easter Holidays.

3:30pm to 5:30pm

Exam preparation.

Pupils must attend if below target



Whitburn Academy

Senior Phase Masterclasses

LATEST NEWS | POSTED 09 FEBRUARY

Starting from Tuesday 20th February, there will be Masterclasses running from 3.30pm - 5.30pm Monday - Thursday and 12.45 - 2.45pm on Fridays until Thursday 28th March to help Senior Phase pupils prepare.

[Read More](#) >



Masterclasses 2024

Tuesday 20th February - Thursday 28th March

3:30pm to 5:30pm

- These classes will really help in getting you prepared for your final exams.
- Please prioritise for your subjects that you are below target in.
- For pupils with working grades of D or F these classes are mandatory.
- Masterclasses replace the 1 hour after school revision classes.
- Masterclasses are from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.
- There will be a food / snack break at 4.30pm provided by the school (no food deliveries permitted and no leaving the building).

Monday 3:30pm to 5:30pm		
staff name	subject	level
Miss Lambie	Biology	N5
Ms Watson	Computing	N5 and Higher
Mrs Swoed	Application of Maths	N5
Miss Ledgerwood	Music Technology	N5 and Higher
Miss Chisholm	RMPS	N5
Mrs Cooper	Human Biology	Higher
Mr Steven	Physics	Higher
Miss Gower	Admin and IT	Higher

Tuesday 3:30pm to 5:30pm		
staff name	subject	level
Mr McGrath	Maths	N5
Ms McGurk / Miss Davis	Care	N5
Mr Young	Engineering Science	N5
Miss Scott	History	N5 and Higher
Miss McCluskey	Art and Design	N5 and Higher
Mr Reynolds	Modern Studies	Higher
Mr Raine	Graphic Communication	Higher
Mr Stevenson	PE	Higher

Wednesday 3:30pm to 5:30pm		
staff name	subject	level
Ms Forbes	Geography	N5
Mr Fleming	Graphic Communication	N5
Miss Gordon	Practical cookery	N5
Miss LaRerty	Music	N5
Miss Gower	Admin and IT	N5
Mr Reynolds	Modern Studies	N5
Mr Raine	Practical Woodworking	N5
Mr Steven	Physics	N5
Miss Stephen	Chemistry	Higher
Miss Pryde	Business (week 3 and 6 only)	Higher
Miss Ho	Music	Higher and AH
Miss Mackay	Photography	Higher
Miss Manning	Sociology	Higher

Thursday 3:30pm to 5:30pm		
staff name	subject	level
Miss Maher	Chemistry	N5
Mr Somers	Media	N5
Mr Greenwood	Drama	N5 and Higher
Miss Pryde	Business (N5= week 2&4) (H= week 5&6)	N5 and AH
Ms Forbes	Geography	Higher
Ms McGurk	Health & Food Technology	Higher
Miss Manning	RMPS	Higher

Friday 12:45pm to 2:45pm		
staff name	subject	level
Miss Addison	French	N5/AH
Miss Boyle	English	N5
Mr Rennie	Maths	AH
Miss McGrath	Maths	Higher



Thank you

Please take a pathways form on the way out.