

# Course Choice Information

**The Process for 2022**

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|   | How?   | Why?   | By When?  |
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| <b>Process Launched to Young People</b>   | Via Assembly and PSE classes   | Reach as many young people as possible to give them enough time to consider  | <b>Throughout February</b>  |
| <b>Process Launched to parents, carers and wider school community</b>           | Via Evening Live Events  | To enable parents and carers to assist in the making of informed decisions for subject choice and future pathways with their families  | <b>24<sup>th</sup> February and 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>  |
| <b>Families view, consume, discuss, consider (and query) course information</b> | Online – accessible via <b>any device</b><br>Contact pastoral staff if any questions | 24/7 availability<br>Interactive<br>Includes answers to most common queries<br>All in one place – including links to partners<br>Subject info presented in consistent fashion  | <b>Now-8<sup>th</sup> March (S2 into S3)</b><br><b>Now-15<sup>th</sup> March (S4-S5)</b><br><b>Now-22<sup>nd</sup> March (S3)</b> |
| <b>Course Choices made at personal interview</b>                                | Face to face meeting with pastoral staff/DHT/HT                                      | Check that all choices considered by young people are appropriate, supports their chosen pathway and best chances of success<br><br>Answer any questions young people may have | <b>8<sup>th</sup> March (S2 into S3)</b><br><b>15<sup>th</sup> March (S4-5)</b><br><b>22<sup>nd</sup> March (S3)</b>              |

## An Immersive and Interactive Online Resource

- On our Sway page:
  - All courses available for your young persons' stage
  - A video to watch outlining the course content, teaching methods, assessment styles and suggested pathways using it.
  - Shortcuts to careers suggestions using each subject
  - The life and employability skills that are focussed on within each subject.
  - All presentations are delivered directly by our subject specialists.





## Expectations of Our Senior Phase Learners

- You'll be asked to choose the following:
  - **S3 into S4** – English and Maths, plus **4 other options** at the levels you're recommended for.
  - **S4 into S5** – You must choose **6 options**, that is a full timetable.
    - If you are studying **5 Level 6 courses**, your final option **can** be personal study to reflect the additional workload this brings.
  - **S5 into S6** – You must be studying **at least 3 level 7 courses, at least 4 level 6 courses, or 5 courses at levels 5/6**. You will also be contributing to wider school life to enhance your skills – *full details of this are in the course choice sway.*

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No excuses  
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# MAKING YOUR CHOICES

## Expectations of Our S2 into S3 Learners

- You'll be asked to choose the following:
  - **One subject from each curricular area (a total of 6)**
  - **One 'free choice'** - something you haven't chosen already, this means you could have a second science, language or social subject for example.
  - **One reserve – choose carefully**
  - **One elective**
  - **One elective reserve**
- **Core PE, PSE, English and Maths are compulsory subjects and will be allocated to you automatically.**

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# New courses for 2022

**There are a number of new courses this year to meet our diverse range of learners' needs**

In S3,

- General Science is now an option as an additional recommendation.
- Abundant Borders is a new addition to our elective menu.

At senior phase, young people can now choose for the first time

- Health Sector Studies
- General Science (levels 2/3/4)
- Customer Service
- Higher RMPS (*delivered in partnership with Eyemouth HS*)
- Level 6 Criminology (*delivered in partnership with Berwickshire HS*)
- Design, Engineering and Construction
- Various Foundation Apprenticeships
- Advanced Higher PE
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Award

# MAIN MESSAGES

- Read through the available info and interact with it as much as possible
- Talk and work with your young person about why they wish to make the choices they do - what is their overall '3 year plan'?
- Encourage your young people to be ready for their 1-1 meeting in March and ask questions beforehand if they are unsure.
- Embrace the plethora of options open to young people at KHS – remember, level not label is the key when considering courses.

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## QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/ISSUES?

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# **Tonight's questions**

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