Mock Course Choice Instructions (Session 2026–27)

For S4

Over the next week, you will be asked to complete your Mock Course Choice Form for Session 2026–27. The deadline for completion is **Sunday 25th January**.

This is an important step, as the information you provide will be used to help the school finalise the course columns for the final course choice form, which will be issued on Monday 24th February.

Why are we doing "mock" choices?

Your choices allow us to:

- understand demand for each subject/course
- plan staffing and resources
- build course columns that allow as many pupils as possible to gain their preferred choices

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDANCE

If you are currently in S4 (moving into S5)

All young people in S5 should have **30 periods of learning** per week.

Your timetable could include:

- **5 Highers** (5 x 6 periods = 30 periods), **OR**
- a combination of
    - **Highers (=6 periods)**
    - **National 4/5 courses (=4 periods)**
    - **Wider Achievements (=2 periods)**

Important information

- There are **no "study periods"** included in the S5 course choice columns.
- However, **all S5 pupils will have**:
    - **1 period of PSE**
    - **1 period of PE**
    - **1 period of Study**

If your course choices do not add up to 30 periods

If your selected subjects add up to fewer than 30 learning periods, you will be expected to choose from our **Wider Achievement** options.

⭐ Wider Achievement courses are:

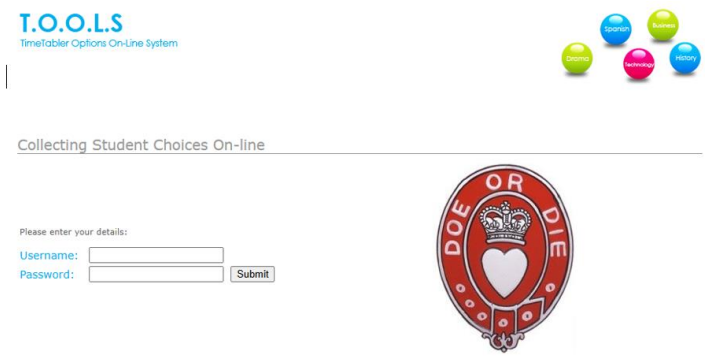
- **2 periods per week**
- designed to support skills, employability and personal achievement

List of possible Wider Achievements (S5/6) for Session 2026-27 are below however for this mock choice please just select Wider Achievement 1 and Wider Achievement 2:

- Personal Finance L6
- Health and Wellbeing L5
- Mental Health & Wellbeing L5
- Spanish L4
- IDL via Daydream Believers L5
- Barista L5
- Scots Language L6
- Powering Futures L5/6

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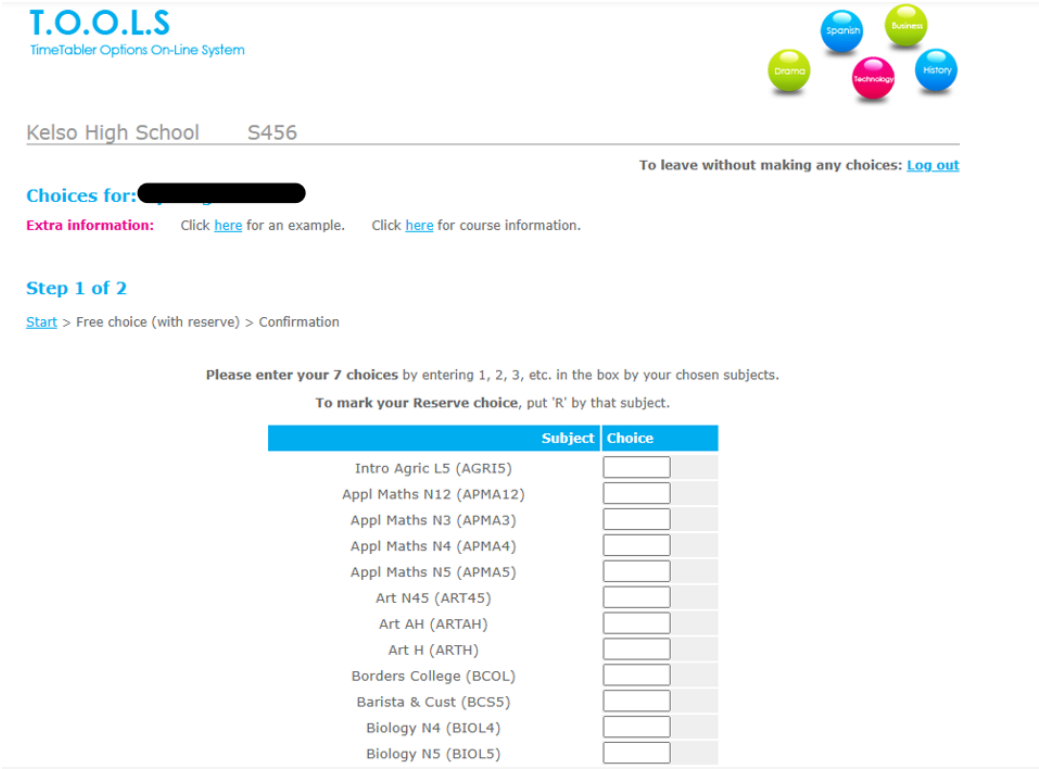
Step 1: Please log in using the individual Username and Password that you have been sent:



Step 2: Please enter your **7 choices** by writing **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7** in the boxes next to your chosen subjects.

- You **must** enter **7 choices** in total.
- If your subject choices already add up to **30 periods** but you have fewer than 7 subjects, please use **Blank 1, Blank 2 and Blank 3** to make sure you still have 7 choices recorded.

Finally, do not forget to select a **reserve choice** by writing **"R"** next to the subject you want as your backup option.



Step 3 – Confirm Choices

KEY REMINDERS FOR EVERYONE

✅ Choose carefully – this affects course availability and the final columns
✅ Be realistic – choose subjects that match your strengths and goals
✅ Speak to subject teachers, Pastoral or a member of SLT if you are unsure
✅ Take your reserve choice seriously – it may be needed