



S5 Option Choice Assembly

Monday 22nd January 2024





S5 into S6 Options Process

- Option choice process starts Tomorrow!
- Choices will determine what you study in S6 next year
- Everyone should return an option form – **even if you are considering leaving**
- Quality Assurance – choices can be amended based on exam results in August.

Bishopbriggs Academy
S6 Course Choice Form 2024-25

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Do you have the qualifications to meet the minimum entry requirements? YES/NO

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<https://forms.office.com/e/cs8X05JTpf>



Important Dates

- Monday 15th January – Parent Information Evening ✓
- **Tuesday 23rd January – Form is LIVE (check Teams/Satchel)**
- **Tuesday 30th January – All S5 into S6 Option Forms to be returned ONLINE via Microsoft Forms**



Reasons for Choice

- Ability & aptitude
- Related to possible career or Further/Higher Education
- Certainty over choices



Poor Reasons for Choice

- It's what your friends are doing
- You don't like the teachers in that department
- You like a certain teacher
- You were told to do it by your parents
- It sounds good but you have not really checked it out



Showing Progression

- Admissions officers at College/University , Employers and Apprenticeship providers all look for PROGRESSION within a young person's curriculum.
- *If you are sitting Highers this year – ideally you should be aiming for at least 1 Advanced Higher subject next year*
- *If you are completing National 5's this year – you should be aiming for Higher subjects next year.*
- *Avoid taking the easy option!!*



Subject choice in S6

If you require additional qualifications you should use S6 to:

- ▶ Meet any specific subject and grade requirements
- ▶ Take subjects which will develop and demonstrate relevant skills, e.g. essay based subjects for Social Sciences or Business; Art/Graphic Communication for Architecture
- ▶ Take subjects you are good at, to help you gain strong grades and ultimately build a strong CV

Ensure you check entry requirements before you make your option choices. Don't get caught out!!

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Senior Phase Programmes

- ✓ Wide range of courses on offer across a variety of sectors – majority accredited by the SQA
- ✓ Gives pupils the opportunity to learn in an environment outside of the classroom – developing skills for learning, life and work.
- ✓ Helps to support the transition from school – exposure to different learning environment / work based learning/independent travel
- ✓ Two options available to students in S5/6:

Vocational Programme

- Students attend college/ university course two afternoons per week
- This will be one of your subjects of study in S5/6
- Courses range from SCQF Level 3 – 7 (national 3 – Advanced Higher)

Apply via Microsoft Form in School

More information on courses, level and location will be shared via Teams / Satchel

Foundation Apprenticeship

- Worked based learning opportunity for students in S5 and S6
- Developed by Scottish Government and Skills Development Scotland
- Addressing skills gaps in Scotland's growing industries
- SCQF Level 6 (Same level as a Higher)
- Qualification delivered through time at college and time on work placement with employer

Apply online at www.fapglasgow.scot



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Option 1: Foundation Apprenticeships



What is a Foundation Apprenticeship?

- A Level 6 (Higher) qualification you will study towards while still at school
- Can be studied over one or two years, so available to both S5 and S6 students when you come back to school in August 2024
- Will be one of your subject choices and make up your weekly timetable in school (Bespoke Timetable)
- A great way of combining your time at school with college, and a work placement in your chosen framework



Why Choose a Foundation Apprenticeship?

- A great opportunity to start a potential career at an early stage ✓
- You will develop transferrable skills ✓
- More independence ✓
- It will make you stand out from the crowd ✓
- Can help you into full-time work, modern/graduate apprenticeships, college, or university ✓
- Your work is assessed on an ongoing basis- this means there are no end-of-year exams! ✓
- 91% of completers would recommend Foundation Apprenticeships to others ✓



What Foundation Apprenticeships are Available?

- All of the Frameworks can be viewed by clicking on <https://www.fapglasgow.scot/>

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Glasgow Foundation Apprenticeships

What are Foundation Apprenticeships?

Foundation Apprenticeships (FAs) are a work-based learning opportunity for Senior-Phase secondary school pupils. Bridging the gap between the classroom and the workplace, Foundation Apprenticeships combine academic qualifications with hands-on practical learning and include a work placement with a local employer.

- There are options for both S5 and S6 pupils →



[Business Skills](#)

[Financial Services](#)

[IT Software Development](#)

[Social Services: Children and Young People](#)

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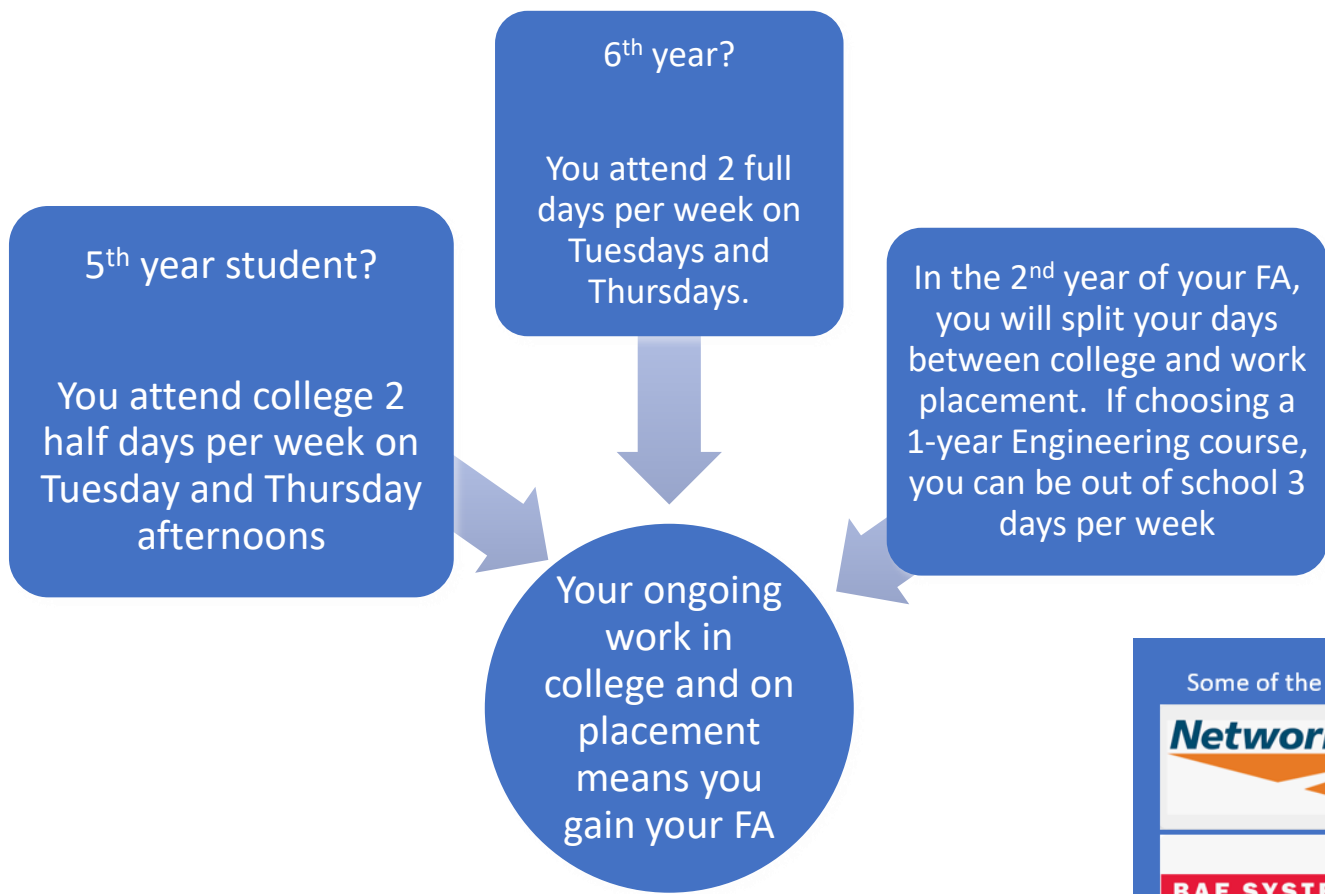
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S6 Courses



How is a Foundation Apprenticeship Delivered?



Some of the employers we partner with...



Where can a Foundation Apprenticeship take you after school?

- Fast Track Modern Apprenticeship
- College HNC/HND
- Employment
- University (Degree or Graduate Apprenticeship)



What do I need to gain entry?

- Students are expected to have an interest in developing greater awareness of the industry with a potential desire to pursue as a career
- Students must be capable of working at Level 6 (Higher) over S5 and S6
- Some Frameworks require English and Maths in order to join the course
- Frameworks last 1 or 2 years. ***No Foundation Apprenticeship qualification will be awarded if participants leave early***

What previous students are saying...

"I'm really looking forward to the work placement element which kicks in this year where we will learn proper workplace skills."

Chloe, Civil Engineering FA Student from St Rochs Secondary

"The environment is a lot more relaxed than school but is also a professional working environment."

Jack, Creative & Digital Media FA Student from Kelvinside Academy

"I really like being on campus, getting to meet my fellow students and being involved in college life."

Corie, Civil Engineering FA Student at Bishopbriggs Academy

"I enjoy going out to partner events in the city to record content that will be used for their promotional purposes"

Elohor, Creative and Digital Media FA Student from Drumchapel Academy





Option 2: Vocational College Course

Around 50 courses offered over 4 sectors:

- Care, Health & Sports Industries
- Creative & Digital Industries
- Business & Service Industries
- Science, Engineering, Design & Manufacture Industries



There are also a number of ASN supported courses





Vocational College Courses 2023/24

NPA Social Services, Children & Young People

NPA Travel & Tourism

Set Design and Construction for Film

NPA Journalism

Current Trends in Hairdressing and Make up

Foundation Apprenticeship Construction

PDA Criminology and Law

An Introduction to Adventure, Games and Sport

An Introduction to Fitness and Nutrition

Foundation Apprenticeship: Automotive

Uniformed and Emergency services

Introduction to Mental Health and Criminology

National 5 Psychology

NPA Building Services Engineering

Building Services Engineering: Mon & Wed ALL DAY

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Construction Management: Mon & Tue ALL DAY

HNC Electronic Engineering (Infill) - Wed & Thurs ALL DAY

HNC Mechanical Engineering (infill) - Mon & Tues ALL DAY

Introduction to Teaching (S6 ONLY August - December)

Professional Cookery: WEDNESDAY

Introduction to Food Service Skills - THURSDAY

Introduction to Hair, Beauty and Make-Up

NPA Bakery

NPA Professional Cookery

Up in the Air and on the Ground

Child, Health & Social Care

Construction Skills for Young Women - MONDAY

Introduction to Built Environment

NPA Hospitality

NPA Introduction To Graphic Design

NPA Radio & Podcasting

NPA Television Production

NQ Introduction to Construction Crafts

Introduction to 3D Design Skills

Computer Games Development

Introduction to Jewellery Arts & Technology

NPA Accountancy

NPA Criminology

NPA Cyber Security

NPA Data Science

NPA Events

NPA Financial Services

NPA Legal Studies

Option 2: Vocational College Course



1. Springburn Campus
2. Easterhouse Campus



1. City Campus



1. Anniesland Campus
2. Cardonald Campus
3. Langside Campus



1. University of Strathclyde – City Centre Campus



1. Glasgow Caledonian University – City Centre Campus



Further Information and How to Apply

- Pupils should discuss Senior Phase courses with their Guidance Teacher during the option choice process. (Highlight if you are interested in a College Programme by selecting the appropriate option within your option form: Vocational College Course / Foundation Apprenticeship)
- This year's Vocational prospectus will be shared via Teams/Satchel. Pupils who wish to undertake a **Vocational Programme** will need to complete an additional application form via Microsoft Forms.
- Online Application Forms for all **Foundation Apprenticeships** will open at the **end of January** and this can be accessed on www.fapglasgow.scot
- **It is important that all students choosing the senior phase option ensure it is the best progression pathway for their current year of study. If a student in S5 requires 5 Higher passes for entry to University/Apprenticeship, they may wish to consider studying a vocational programme in S6 instead.**



Senior Phase Programmes

- ✓ In summary, there are two senior phase options available to you in your Senior Curriculum.
- ✓ Please choose 5 options within your option choice form, and tick the box on your form to highlight if you are interested in one of the following:

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- Pupils going into S5 MUST not “crash” a subject. You should pick your 5 strongest subjects from S4.
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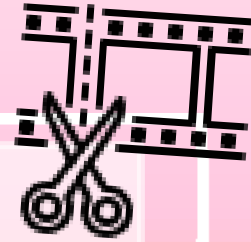
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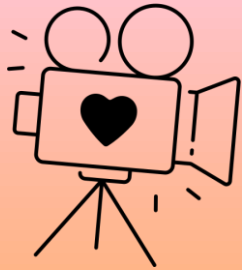
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Digital Media - SQCF Level 5



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What is Digital Media?

- Develop skills in producing and editing photographs, sound clips and video recordings.
- Take a concept from planning and design to the final product.
- Helps develop employability skills like collaboration, communication and problem solving.

Assessment:

- Product plans
- Digital audio project
- Portfolio of images
- Video narrative



Progression & Careers:

- Related HN courses (Computer Art and Design, 3D Design...)
- Degrees in Digital Media
- Employment in creative industries

HEALTH SECTOR

WHY CHOOSE HEALTH SECTOR IN S5/6?

- ✓ National 5 - NO EXAM!
- ✓ Learn about jobs within the health sector
- ✓ Learn skills for working in the health sector (and beyond!)
- ✓ Learn about the biology that underpins the health and wellbeing industry



There are over 350 different job roles within the NHS - how many could you name?



See Miss McBride in biology for more info!



ENERGY



See the
Physics
Department
for more
information

WHY CHOOSE ENERGY IN S5/6?

- ✓ National 5 - NO EXAM!
- ✓ Learn about careers within the Energy Sector
- ✓ Learn skills for working in the Energy Sector (and beyond!)
- ✓ Learn about the Physics that underpins the Renewable Energy industry

WHO IS IT FOR?

- ✓ Pupils interested in STEAM Subjects i.e. Engineering

Worldwide employment in the *Renewable Energy Industry* has almost doubled in the last 10 years (with 13.7 million people now employed)





Next Steps

- ✓ Read the course descriptor booklet – these can be accessed on Teams/Satchel/School Website
- ✓ Discuss the option form with someone at home
- ✓ Consider your career pathway and what subjects would be suitable to support your next steps
- ✓ Ensure you are showing progression within your choices
- ✓ Complete the form on time, don't rush it. You have until 30th January.
- ✓ Ask if you have any questions!
- ✓ Good Luck! 😊