



Senior Phase Pathways

February 2025

For new S4, S5 and S6 pupils



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 8 subjects plus core PE, PSE, and RP.

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.

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

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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 from January. Read this carefully and identify the subjects you enjoy and the subjects you are good at.

Consider feedback from the S3 Parents Evening on 23rd January.

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.

MOCK S4 LEARNER PATHWAY 2025 - 2026



NAME: TUTOR CLASS:

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

Pupils must choose ONE option in each column.
All pupils MUST continue to study English. English must be selected in one column.
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.



NAME: TUTOR CLASS:

A	H	N5	B	H	N5	C	H	N5	D	H	N5	E	H	N5
Admin & IT			English			Applications of Maths			Admin & IT			Art & Design		
Applications of Maths			French			Art & Design			Biology			Chemistry		
Biology			Media			Chemistry			Business Management			English		
Care			Music			Creative Industries			English			Graphic Communication		
English			Physical Education			Drama			History			History		
Health and Social Care			Physics			Environmental Science			Human Biology			Modern Studies		
Human Biology			Politics			Health & Food Technology			Laboratory Science			Physical Education		
Maths			Practical Cookery			Health Sector			Modern Studies			Practical Cookery		
Media			Retail			Maths			Music Technology			RMPS		
Photography			RMPS			Media			Photography			Travel - WL College		
Practical Woodworking						Modern Studies			Physical Education					
Retail						Music			Physics					
RMPS														
Spanish														

Pupils must choose ONE option in each column.

Parent/Carer's signature _____

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SLT signature _____

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 a 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 or 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 LEARNER PATHWAY 2025 - 2026



NAME: TUTOR CLASS:

Level of Study	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
National 5	Biology	English	Art & Design	Admin & IT	Art & Design
	Care (with childcare)	French	Chemistry	Biology	English
	Maths	Music	Creative Industries	English	Graphic Communication
	Maths (Apps)	Physical Education	Health Sector	Laboratory Science	History
	Practical woodworking	Practical Cookery	Maths	Modern Studies	Modern Studies
	Retail	Retail	Maths (Apps)	Music Technology	Practical Cookery
	RMPS	RMPS	Media	Physical Education	Travel -WL College
	Spanish		Music	Physics	
Higher	Admin & IT	English	Art & Design	Business Management	Art & Design
	English	French	Drama	English	Chemistry
	Health & Social Care	Media	Environmental Science	History	English
	Human Biology	Music	Health & Food Technology	Human Biology	Graphic Communication
	Maths (Apps)	Physics	Maths	Modern Studies	Physical Education
	Media	Politics	Modern Studies	Music Technology	RMPS
	Photography		Music	Photography	Travel -WL College
	Spanish			Physical Education	
Advanced Higher	Chemistry	Biology	Art & Design	Drama	Art & Design
	Spanish	French	Drama	Maths	Business Management
	WLVA 2nd AH subject	Music	WLVA 2nd AH subject	Music Technology	Physical Education
		WLVA 2nd AH subject		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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SLT signature _____

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.

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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

It is important that the school tries to offer the best possible combination of subjects for you.

You may have already had the chance to do mock forms with Mr Bulloch in the hall.

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 into S4 pathways interviews begin.

Week beginning 3rd March = S4 and S5 assembly with reports and pathways forms issued.

Thursday 6th March = S4 into S5 pathways interviews begin.

Monday 17th March = S2 into S3 pathways interviews begin.

Monday 24th March = S5 into S6 pathways interviews begin.

Bring your signed Pathways sheet for your Interview.

Exams


6 weeks to Easter Holidays!!

Masterclasses started in January and run up to Easter Holidays.

3:30pm to 5:30pm

Exam preparation.

Pupils must attend if below target.



**Whitburn
Academy**

**Senior Phase
Masterclasses**

Masterclasses commence on Monday 20th
January to help senior phase pupils to
prepare for their SQA exams.

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Masterclasses 2025

Monday 20th January - Friday 4th April

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 Nicol	Politics	Higher
Miss Maher / Miss Stephen	Chemistry	N5
Miss Gower	Business	N5
Mr Steven	Physics	Higher
Mrs Cooper	Human Biology	Higher
Mr Greenwood	Drama	AH
Miss Chisholm	RMPS	Higher
Mr Somers	Media	N5
Mr Reynolds	Modern Studies	Higher
Miss Mackay	Art and Design	N5/H/AH
Mr Stevenson	PE	Higher
Ms McGurk	HFT	Higher

Thursday 3:30pm to 5:30pm		
staff name	subject	level
Miss Steel	History	Higher
Miss Gower	Business	Higher
Mr Rennie	Maths	N5
Miss Chisholm	RMPS	N5
Mr Reynolds	Modern Studies	AH
Miss McCluskey	Art and Design	N5/H/AH
Mr Ravie	Practical Woodworking	N5
Mr Fleming	Engineering Science	Higher
Miss McDougall	English	N5
Mr Murray	French	N5 and Higher
Miss Davie	Care	N5

Friday 12:45pm to 2:45pm		
staff name	subject	level
Miss Pryde	Business	AH
Miss McGrath	Maths	H
Mr Rennie	Maths	AH

Tuesday 3:30pm to 5:30pm		
staff name	subject	level
Mr McGrath	Applications of Maths	N5
Mrs Sword	Applications of Maths	Higher
Miss Manning	RMPS	N5

Wednesday 3:30pm to 5:30pm		
staff name	subject	level
Miss Nicol	History	AH
Miss Stephen	Chemistry	Higher
Miss Maher	Chemistry	AH
Miss Gordon	Practical cookery	N5
Miss Pryde	Admin	Higher
Miss Jones	Admin	N5
Mr Steven	Physics	N5
Miss Lambie	Biology	AH
Miss Richmond	Biology	N5
Mr Greenwood / Miss McConvey	Drama	N5 and Higher
Ms Forbes	Environmental Science	Higher
Miss Lafferty	Music	Higher and AH
Miss Ho	Music	N5/H/AH
Miss Scott	History	N5
Miss Manning	Sociology	Higher
Mr Reynolds	Modern Studies	N5
Mr Ravie	Graphic Communication	N5 and Higher



Thank you

Please take a pathways form on the way out.