Motivation  Respect  Ambition  Enterprising  Co-operation  Commitment  Enthusiasm  Determination  Confident Individuals  Successful Learners  Effective Contributors  Responsible Citizens
Is the school website better?

..... Easier to navigate?

..... Anything missing?
Welcome to the
S4/S5 Options Information Evening

Mr Colin Johnson
Mrs Ann Marie Skillen
Mrs Angela Brown
Mrs Lynne Biagioni - SCHOLAR Area Coordinator
Gryffe’s Curricular Pyramid

- S6: 3 / 4 Courses
- S5: 5 Courses
- S4: 7 Courses
- S3: 9 Courses
- S2: 11 Courses
- S1: Wide Range of Courses

Choice - Progression - Specialisation
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S4
7 subjects

National 3

National 4

National 5

S5
Pick 5 subjects

Higher

National 4

National 5

S6

Advanced
Higher

Higher
NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

✓ 3 units of work
✓ 40 hours per unit
✓ Assessment at end of each unit (Unit Assessment)
✓ External Assignment (percentage of final exam)
✓ One final exam in May/June
✓ Certificate awarded at A, B, C or D
HOW MANY HIGHERS?

Continue with their 5 best subjects where possible.
Achieve best results in S5, pick up in S6

............ Further subjects available to ‘crash’ at Higher

✓ Accounting
✓ Photography
✓ RMPS
## S5/6 CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

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Please enter below the subjects and level, you would like to study. S5 should select one subject from each column.

**Subject**

**Level:**
- Adv Higher/
- Higher/
- National 5/4
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Achievements

Use the ‘Nomination’ form to help us recognise achievements out with school.
The Saltire Awards is a national programme designed to recognise the achievements of young people aged between 12 and 25 years who take part in volunteering.

There are 4 sections to the Awards:

Challenge  ... a one-off event

Approach ... award for 10 and 25 hours of volunteering

Ascent ... award for 50, 100, 200 and 500 hours of volunteering

Summit ... award for outstanding contribution to volunteering and is signed by the First Minister. You must have completed 200 hours Ascent and have exceeded expectations.

Young people can also claim Young Scot Reward points for volunteering.
List of Categories *(Volunteering)*

A few examples of what type of volunteering can contribute to gaining the Saltire Award are:

- In class support
- Support within associated Primary Schools/Nurseries
- Working within a committee to make improvement either within the School or the Local Community
- Litter picking in the School/Community
- Helping at Scouts/Guides/Boys Brigade/Girls Brigade
- Helping in a Care Home/Hospitals
- Coaching in a Sports Club/Community
- Coaching in school
- Working in a Charity Shop
- Helping in local Church Groups/Sunday School
- Assisting in an Animal Rescue Centre
- Volunteer Work Experience (not paid)
- Volunteering through the Duke of Edinburgh Award

...... etc
Congratulations to Jane McCabe 5M for being the first Gryffe pupil this session to be awarded the Saltire SUMMIT Award for outstanding contribution to volunteering - over 500 hours.
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THE OPTIONS PROCESS

Mrs Skillen
Gryffe High School
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THE OPTIONS PROCESS

For S4 into S5 pupils:

✓ Monday 26 January: Progression Week
✓ Monday 26 January: S4 Reports issued
✓ Thursday 29 January: S4 Parents’ Meeting
✓ Thursday 29 January: S4 Options Assembly
✓ Monday 2 February: Parents’ Options Information Evening
✓ Thursday, 5 February: S4 Interviews
✓ Monday 16 February: S4 Options Forms returned to counsellor
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THE OPTIONS PROCESS

For S5 into S6 pupils:

✓ Monday 16 February: S5 Progression Week
✓ Friday 27 February: S5 Update Reports issued
✓ Monday 2 March: S5 Options Assembly
✓ Wednesday 4 March: S5 Options Interviews
✓ Friday 13 March: S5 Options Forms returned to counsellor
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SOURCES OF ADVICE

• Guidance Teacher
• Subject Teachers
• Parents/Relations/Family friends
• Careers Adviser
• Options Booklet
• Universities
• Internet
INTERNET

www.planitplus.net

www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk

www.myworldofwork.co.uk

www.ucas.com
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REASONS FOR CHOICES

Subject is:
• suited to your skills, strengths, learning styles
• enjoy it
• needed for your future career, college or university
• you want progress with this subject in S6
• try something new
• you find it easy
• advised to do the subject
CHOOSING FOR FIFTH YEAR?

- Realistic assessment
- The overall performance at National 5 or National 4
- Consider the ‘bigger picture’
- Choices can be changed after SQA results in August
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NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

• National Qualifications are designed to let you study at the right level for you.

• Allow progression from one level to the next

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College Options for the Senior Phase
Information Evening for S5/6 Pupils

Location: West College Scotland Paisley Campus
Date: 17 February 2015
Time: 6.00 - 8.00pm

The purpose of this event is to give pupils/parents as much information about the school college options for 2015/16.

There will be staff on hand to answer any questions that you may have regarding courses, qualification, progression, etc.

Tour of the facilities will also be available on request.

Contact Details:
Alison Mitchell, Schools Liaison Manager
email: alison.mitchell@wcs.ac.uk
tel: 07787985618
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CHOOSING FOR SIXTH YEAR?

Mrs Brown
CHOOSING FOR SIXTH YEAR?

- A realistic assessment of previous performance in subjects at Standard Grade and expected performance in S5.

- Choices made at this stage are not final. Students will have the opportunity to review their choices in August in light of SQA results.

- ‘New’ subjects may be undertaken.

- Subjects may be taken at an advanced level in preparation for university.
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REASONS FOR RETURNING TO S6

• Achieve further qualifications eg Higher/Advanced Higher courses
• Cope with the challenges to be faced on entering Higher Education
• Encourage habits of self-discipline and responsibility
• Worthwhile and demanding range of courses
• Meet Further/Higher Education entry requirements
• Carry out work experience, community or vocational work
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WHAT’S ON OFFER ELSEWHERE (S5/6)

• The ‘best place’ for most pupils is here.

• A limited range of vocational courses at West College Scotland for S5/S6

• Higher courses at West College Scotland for S6.

• These courses take place 2 afternoons per week.
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You can help by...

✓ Discussing choices with your child

✓ Encouraging your child to research possible careers / entry requirements

✓ Encouraging your child to focus on studying for the forthcoming examinations
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OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

 ✓ SQA examinations begin for S4 on Monday 27 April
   for S5 on Monday 27 April

 ✓ New S5 Induction Day Monday 1 June
   New S5 timetable begins Tuesday 2 June

 ✓ New S6 Induction Day Tuesday 2 June
   New S6 timetable begins Wednesday 3 June

 ✓ SQA results issued Tuesday 4 August
 ✓ Option renegotiations Wednesday 5 August
 ✓ School re-opens Tuesday 11 August
Lynne Biagioni - SCHOLAR Area Coordinator

SCHOLAR - www.scholar.hw.ac.uk

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WHAT IS SCHOLAR

- Free online system to support S4/5/6 pupils in a range of subjects
- Providing pupils with:
  - Subject Study Guides
  - Learning and revision materials
  - Case Studies
  - Practice Assessments (NABs)
  - Live Homework Sessions

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INDEPENDENT LEARNER
COURSES

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Human Biology
- Maths
- Computing
- Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Art & Design (Textiles)
- ESOL (English for speakers of other languages)
- French
- German
- Spanish
- Mandarin
- Gaelic
- Accounting
- Business Management
- Psychology
The numbers 1-10 in Mandarin

Identify the following number and enter your answer in the input box below.

The Mandarin character for a number between 1 and 10 is shown to the right of this text.

Decide which number you think it is, then enter your answer in the input box below. Press 'submit' to check.

The number is:

Another character has been loaded.

Waterfall model

Use the navigation controls to move between the steps in this activity.

An analysis, design and implementation strategy

A tropical storm or \textit{hurricane} is an area of intensive low pressure and strong winds...
Revision Planner

Features
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In the Classroom
How can SCHOLAR help

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HOW TO GET STARTED

• For Apple devices ie iPads, iPhones please download Puffin Academy for free from iTunes

• Access http://scholar.hw.ac.uk/

• Click Login to Scholar and enter Parent Login: Username: schparents2015 Password: mode27plum

• Click on the subject links for the courses your child is following and start exploring the materials
Social Media

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Question time