

S3 into S4 Learner Pathway Coursing Jan 2026



Drummond
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



Coursing

- Our commitment to you as pupils in the Senior Phase is to ensure that each young person leaves school with two things:
- The skills to lead you into a positive and sustained destination when you leave school.
- To support you achieve the highest possible level of qualifications



Support – Careers Package@Drummond

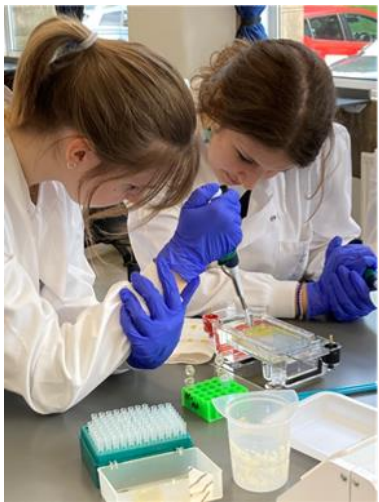
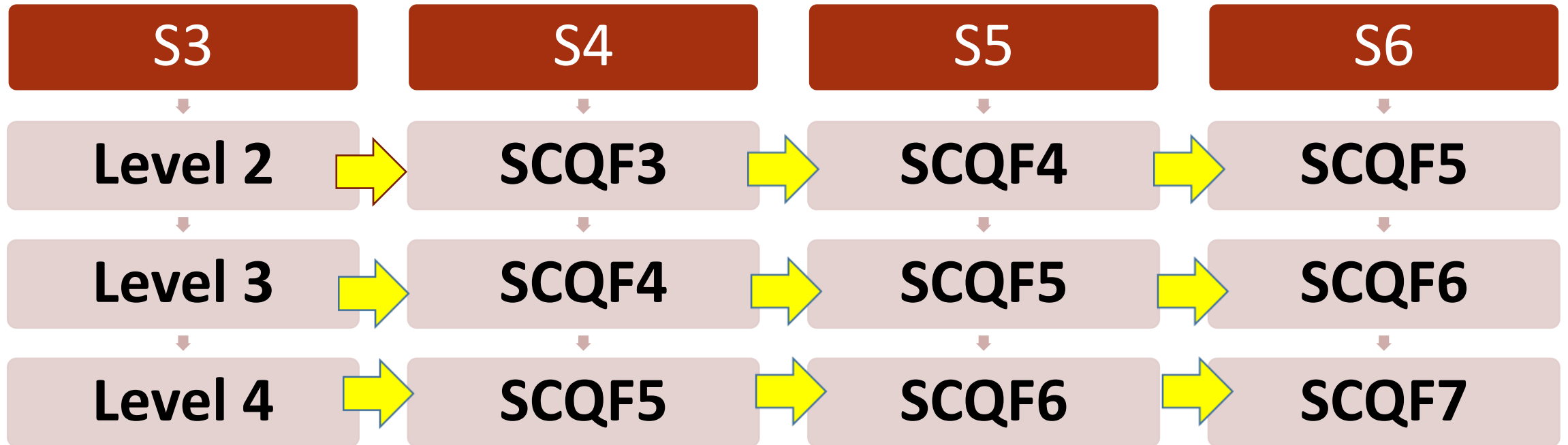


Helen Irons – Careers/Pathway Advisor



Phil Dickson (DYW)

Progress from S3 through to S6



Coursing Information

S2	S3	S4	S5/6
15 subjects	8 Subjects	7 Subjects	7/5 Subjects
Broad General Education	Broad General Education	Senior Phase	Senior Phase
Level 2-4	Level 2-4	Level 3-5	Level 3-7
		National 3-5	National 3-5
			Highers (L6)
		College	Advanced H (L7)
		School based College Courses	College, FA JET+

THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at www.scqf.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.



SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9		Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma	Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate	Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher			Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5			Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award	SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3			
2	National 2 Awards			
1	National 1 Awards			

Schools College Partnership (SCP)

- College course take the place of 1 course
- Most courses run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for S4-S6 pupils
- Some are on a Monday or a Wednesday
- Provides a different learning environment to school
- A range of courses and levels are available
- **Students will leave during Period 5 on a Tuesday and Thursday of another course to travel to College.**
- Information on courses available contained in the course choice book
- <https://drummondhigh.org/school-coursing/>

How to Apply?

- View the on-line prospectus - <https://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/courses/for-school-pupils>
- Discuss at coursing interview if this is the right Pathway for you
- Think about where you want to end up – does this pathway support that?
- The link below is useful to see how careers and college link together
- <https://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/information-and-advice/career-planning/career-coach>
- Speak to Helen Irons Careers Advisor - Helen.iron@sds.co.uk

Edinburgh College Open Days 2025

Campus	Date	Time
Midlothian	Tuesday 3 rd February	4.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Milton Road	Wednesday 4 th February	4.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Sighthill	Thursday 5 th February	4.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Granton	Saturday 7 th February	10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Construction School Based College Courses

- These are different to the school college partnership (Tuesday/Thursday afternoon courses)
 1. Westerhailes High School
 2. Leith Academy High School
 3. St Augustines High School
 4. Craigroyston High School

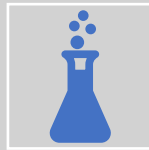
New Courses – With No Exams



Travel & Tourism
– Level 4/5
(Mr Tuft)



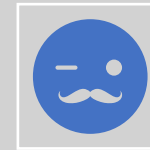
Sports &
Recreation –
Level 4/5 –
(PE)



Lab Science –
Level 5 –
(Science)



People &
Society – Level
3/4
(Social
Subjects)



Creative
Thinking Award
– Level 5
(Art)



Early
Education &
Childcare –
Level 4/5
(FHTT)

S3 Recommendations

Recommended Next Level	Explanation	Recommended Next Level	Explanation
Level 3	Recommended next level is 3	Apps Maths L5	Recommended for Application of Maths L5
Level 4	Recommended next level is 4	See Teacher	Teacher may want to discuss options with pupil.
Level 5	Recommended next level is 5		
NPA L4/5	Recommended next level is a National Progression Award @ L4 or 5	Any FCT	HFT, Practical Cookery or Early Education & Childcare
Skills for Work	Recommended for Skills for Work course L4 or L5	Languages L4	Recommended for either French or Spanish at National 4
Apps Maths L4	Recommended for Application of Maths L4	Languages L5	Recommended for either French or Spanish at National 5



Current Subjects being studied in S3 and Recommended Levels for S4

ESOL	4	Biology	5	History	5	RME	5
Maths	4	French	5	Drama	5		
RMPS Elective	5	Home Eco	4	PE	4		

Available courses to study in S4. Please mark your 7 choices in order of preference 1 to 7. Then mark two reserve choices as R and S.

Level 3	Sig	Pref	Level 4	Sig	Pref	Level 5	Sig	Pref	Awards	
Apps of Maths			Application of Maths			Application of Maths			College (see college link – overleaf) Please write the name of the course you have applied for in the space below.	3
Art & Design			Art & Design			Art & Design				
Biology			Biology			Biology		4		
Computing			Computing Science			Business & IT				
Chemistry			Chemistry			Computing Science				
Drama			Drama			Chemistry				
English			English			Creative Thinking Award				
			ESOL		1	Drama		5		
ESOL			French			English				
			Geography			ESOL				
Geography			Graphic Communication			French		6		
Health and Food Technology			Health and Food Technology			Geography				
			Hospitality - Practical Cookery		R	Graphic Communication				
Hospitality - Practical Cookery			History			Health and Food Technology			Design Engineer Construct (DEC)	
			Maths		2	Hospitality - Practical Cookery		7		
History			Media			History				
Maths			Modern Studies			Laboratory Science				
Moder Studies			Music			Maths				
Music			Physical Education		S	Media				
People & Society			People & Society			Modern Studies				
Physics			Physics			Music				

Option Sheets – what You need to do

- Read over course choice booklet
- Look at recommendations on your coursing sheet
- Use latest tracking and recommendations to pick courses
- Look at your pathway journey – what do you want to do?
- Get your teacher/Curriculum Leader to agree levels and sign your sheet.
- Complete and bring your form to your Learners Pathway Meeting with Guidance Teacher.

What now?

- Check you have the link to the Course Choice booklet in your email from S Sloan.
- Course choice forms will be issued today and in PSE next week you can discuss with your Guidance Teacher your best options
- Coursing times were sent home on Monday. These will also be displayed outside the Guidance office.
- One-to-one Interviews will take place in the Guidance base.
- Get your course choice form signed by your class teacher/Curriculum Leader
- Bring your completed form to your meeting with Guidance

Questions? -
Scan the QR
or ask me

S3 Coursing

