

## Senior coursing S5/6

Due to our changes to the curriculum the amount of subjects we offer pupils in the senior phase has increased. It is hoped that this will increase the amount of progression pathways open to all of our pupils and will positively impact the amount of achievement opportunities available to support transition to senior phase.

This change has an implication on coursing throughout the senior phase. Many pupils in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> year will choose a combination of National 4/5 and Highers. The table below highlights the different implications depending on the number of Highers you choose to progress with.

# of Highers	Coursing implications	'Core' subject allocation
<b>0</b>	<b>Should choose 7 subjects, combination of National 4/5 &amp; Vocational options are possible.</b>	<b>2 periods of PE</b> (Expressive arts elective & DofE option also) <b>1 period of PSE</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Can do 6/7 subjects (Higher/Nationals Vocational) with 2 x single period options or study</b>	<b>2 periods of PE</b> (Expressive arts elective & DofE option also) <b>1 period of PSE</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Can do 6 subjects (Higher/Nationals Vocational) with 1 or 2 x single period options or study</b>	<b>2 periods of PE</b> (Expressive arts elective & DofE option also) <b>1 period of PSE</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Can do 5 subjects (Higher/Nationals Vocational) with 2 x single period options or study</b>	<b>1/2 periods of PE</b> (Expressive arts elective & DofE option also) <b>1 period of PSE</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Can do 5 subjects (Higher/Nationals Vocational) with 1 or 2 x single period options or study</b>	<b>1/2 periods of PE</b> (Expressive arts elective & DofE option also if taking 2 periods of PE) <b>1 period of PSE</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Can do 5 subjects @ Higher</b>	<b>1 period of PE</b> <b>1 period of PSE</b>

### **Advanced Highers**

Please note that if you wish to select an Advanced Higher in the coming session you should write this in the box provided. Advanced Highers will only run if staffing and timetable constraints allow. If it is the case that we cannot provide an Advanced Higher we can pursue the option of studying this subject at a neighbourhood school.

### **1 or 2 Period options**

We have introduced 1 or 2 period options into the curriculum this year. This is to cater for pupils who have the odd gap on their timetable. They offer the opportunity for wider & further achievement in School. It is our expectation that **all** pupils will have full timetables which fully prepare them for the transition to post school destinations. The 1 or 2 period options **do not** sit in columns and will be allocated dependant on staffing and uptake

### **Support for the coursing Process**

All pupils will have a 1:1 meeting with their Guidance teacher to support with the course choice process. If you have any queries please ensure you contact your Guidance Teacher or Mr Hutchison as soon as possible to help resolve any issues that may arise.