

# S3 Course Choice 2024/2025



# Aboyne Academy

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Online Parent Q&A: 22/02/2024

<b>S1-S3</b>	<b>Broad General Education</b>	<p><b>All pupils follow a common course which includes study across all eight curriculum areas.</b></p> <p><b>This builds on learning from primary school.</b></p> <p><b>Pupils will have increasing opportunities to achieve and study in depth as they progress through their Broad General Education.</b></p> <p><b>In third year pupils will have the opportunity for some personalisation and choice in their curriculum. Towards the end of S2 they will choose courses from each curriculum area for study in S3 which will form the platform for S4 SQA National courses</b></p>
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In S3 pupils have a balanced educational experience by studying a broad range of subjects from across the eight curriculum areas.

All pupils follow some core courses and choose others from a range of options

# S3 COURSE CHOICE PROCESS

- ▶ Support from Guidance teacher/SDS/PSE Lessons
  - ▶ S2 Reports issued
  - ▶ School website – “Pupils” – “Course Choice Information”
  - ▶ Choices submitted via MS Form and reviewed by Guidance
  - ▶ Put course in order of preference
  - ▶ First come is not first served
  - ▶ Deadline is **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**
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## Aboyne Academy - S3 Course Choice Information Sheet 2023-2024



- During S3, which is the final year of your Broad General Education, you should continue to study courses across all curriculum areas.
- Four of these curriculum areas include 'core' courses which all pupils must follow.
- Applications of Maths is a highly desirable alternative to Maths for some pupils at this stage.
- You also have five choices of course from the other four curriculum areas.

Curriculum Areas – Core			
Health and wellbeing	Religious and Moral Education	Languages and Literacy	Maths and Numeracy
PE (2 periods) PSE (1 period)	RME (1 period)	English (4 periods) Languages Core or Core Life Skills	Mathematics/Applications of Maths (5 periods)

Make your choices by following the steps below and entering your choices on the electronic form – [click here to access the form](#).

Please complete the electronic form by **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

- Choose one subject from each of the four choice areas (see table below) and an additional choice from the last column of the table.
- Your choices should be in **order of preference** with 1 being your highest priority and 5 your lowest priority.
- Make two reserve choices and note these in the Reserve Choices boxes.
- You need to think carefully about your course choices. **You will usually continue with 7 of the subjects you have chosen in S4.**
- Discuss your choices with your Parents / Carers at home. Your Guidance Teacher is also here to help and will discuss your choices with you. The resources on the My World of Work website are also designed to help you.
  
- **Please note that courses offered are subject to pupil uptake and staffing and may change or need to be re-chosen if there are staff vacancies.**



### Curriculum Areas - Choices

Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4	Choice 5
<b>Expressive Arts</b> (3 periods)	<b>Sciences</b> (3 periods)	<b>Social Subjects</b> (3 periods)	<b>Technologies</b> (3 Periods)	<b>Additional Choice</b> (3 periods)
Art and Design Drama French Music PE Spanish	Biology Chemistry Physics <b>or</b> Science course ( <u>skills</u> -based course with elements of all 3 sciences progressing to qualification in S4. Cannot be combined with any other science subject).  <i>Note any pupil who wishes to choose 3 sciences linked to their career plans should speak to their guidance teacher in the first instance. Pupils considering this can choose physics in the Technologies section.</i>	Accounts Business Management Geography History Modern Studies RMPS	Admin and IT Engineering Science Graphic Communication Practical Woodwork  Physics (if 3 Sciences)  <b>Geography (allows 3 x Social Subjects)</b>	Accounts Admin and IT Art and Design Biology Business Management Chemistry Drama Engineering Science French Geography Graphic Communication History Modern Studies Music PE Physics Practical Woodwork RMPS Spanish Princes' Trust Leadership*  (* in consultation <u>with</u> <u>Guidance</u> Teacher)





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Course choices for the new S3 in session 2024-2025

1. First name



Enter your answer

2. Surname

Enter your answer

3. House \*

- Birsemore
- Clachnaben
- Lochnagar
- Morven

4. Registration class (current) \*

- 2B1
- 2B2
- 2C1
- 2C2
- 2L1

5. Choice 1 \*

- Art & Design
- French
- PE
- Drama
- Music
- Spanish

6. Choice 2 \*

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Science

7. Choice 3 \*

- Business Management
- Geography
- History
- Modern Studies
- RMPS

8. Choice 4 \*

# Languages And Maths

- “Core” language experience (2 periods) + language options
  - Maths and Applications of Maths
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# Common Questions

- So, I am studying 8 courses in S3 + core PE/PSE and RME. What happens in S4?
  - Can I pick new courses at the end of S3 for S4?
  - I have heard some pupils do work experience or attend college in S4. How does this work?
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