

Winchburgh Academy

S3 Curriculum Information Evening

Thursday 27th March 2025



Our Academy Vision

To be a school community that is sector leading in providing excellent experiences, opportunities and outcomes for all young people - united in the joy of learning, collaboration and improvement to build healthy and successful futures



S1 & S2

English (4)	Social Subjects (3)	Modern Languages (2)	Maths (4)	Science (3)	P.E (3)	PSHE (1)
Art (2)	Music (2)	CDT & HFT (2)	Flexible Learning (2)	My Academy (2)	PBL (2)	PSR (1)



Winchburgh Curriculum Design Group

Curriculum Design Group

Established in May 2022 and consists of the following partners:

- **Education Scotland Curriculum Innovation Team** - Andy Creamer & Leigh Watson (with regular advice from Joan MacKay)
- **Education Scotland Expressive Arts Lead**- Neil Millar
- **Education Scotland Health & Well-being**- Tracy Johnston
- **Parent Council**- Lee Sillars (Vice Chair of Winchburgh Parent Council)
- **SDS** - Emma Mathews
- **West Lothian College**
- **Winchburgh Primary School** - SLT
- **Other WLC Secondary Reps**- Caroline Bleach (BGE MFIYL Chair and DHT), Keith Varty (DHT)
- **Winchburgh Academy Staff** - J Mitchell (HT), C Kerr (DHT Curriculum) and K Borthwick (PT)
- **Sinclair Academy Staff**- G Burns (HT)

The 8 Curricular Areas

- 1) Expressive Arts
- 2) Health & Wellbeing
- 3) Languages
- 4) Mathematics
- 5) Science
- 6) Social Subjects
- 7) Technologies
- 8) Religious & Moral Education

Opportunities for personal achievement

Interdisciplinary learning

The Curriculum
'the totality of all that is planned for children and young people throughout their education'

Ethos and life of the school as a community

Curriculum areas and subjects



S3 Personalisation Process

Date	Event
November 2024	S2 Student Assembly 1
December 2024	S2 Students Completed and Submitted 'draft' S3 P&C Form
27 th March 2025	S2 Parent/Carer Curriculum Information Evening
27 th March 2025	S3 P&C Prospectus Booklet Published/Shared
28 th March 2025	S2 Tracking Updates available to parents/carers (Didbook)
22 nd April 2025	S2 Student Assembly 2 <i>S2 students issued with S3 P&C Form during assembly (to be completed at home with parents/carers and returned to PSR teacher by Thursday 24th April)</i>
25 th April 2025	S2 Personalisation Interviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1:1 with PSR Teacher supported by PT PS (Mrs Oliver) and SLT (Mr. Kerr & Mr. Mitchell)- Information to support appropriate pathways including tracking data, CAT, SNSA

S3 Curriculum

- English *(200 minutes)*
- Maths *(200 minutes)*
- PE *(100 minutes)*
- Flexible Learning incorporating PSHE, RME, PBL & context specific experiences *(100 minutes)*
- My Academy including DoE option *(100 minutes)*
- 6 option choices *(150 minutes each)*



S3 Curriculum Personalisation Form

Name: Paul Sturrock

PSR Class: 2.3

This form will be used to indicate your subject personalisation preferences for moving into S3. All pupils will have the following courses on their timetable, in addition to the curricular area personalisation selected below; English (200 mins), Maths (200 mins), Core PE (100 mins) and Flexible learning (100 mins, incorporating PSHE, IDL and context specific experiences). Pupils must choose a first & second choice from each column below. In each column, enter '1' in the box to indicate the first choice, and '2' for the second preference.

Note: The viability of courses in S3 will depend on uptake and staffing. This applies to course progression from S3 into the Senior Phase (S4-6)

Science (150 minutes)		Social Subjects (150 minutes)		Technologies (150 minutes)		Expressive Arts (150 minutes)		Additional Choice 1 (150 minutes)		Additional Choice 2 (150 minutes)		My Academy (100 minutes)	
Biology	1	Business		Computing		Art & Design		Art & Design	2	Art & Design		D.o.E	1
Chemistry		Geography		CDT	1			Biology		Biology		TBC	2
Physics	2	History	2	HFT	2	Music	2	Business		Business		TBC	
		Modern Studies	1	Graphics		PE	1	CDT		CDT		TBC	
								Chemistry		Chemistry			
								Computing		Computing			
								Geography		Geography			
								HFT	1	HFT			
								History		History			
								Modern Studies		Modern Studies	1		
								Music		Music			
								Physics		Physics	2		
								PE		PE			
								Spanish		Spanish			

National 5 2023 National Results

Qualification Name	Resulted Entries % of Base Cohort	% Grade A	% Grades A to B	% Grades A to C	% No Award
Administration and IT	7.74	34.38	61.18	82.4	6.5
Applications of Mathematics	22.89	29.95	48.82	66.62	18.05
Art and Design	15.57	42.67	73.5	92.6	1.82
Biology	31.54	36.22	58.03	75.73	11.16
Business Management	13.98	35.9	59.1	79.59	7.93
Chemistry	22.88	41.67	62.71	77.83	10.04
Computing Science	9.88	42.44	62.42	79.46	9.54
Design and Manufacture	6.22	22.6	49.52	77.03	7.24
Drama	6.97	53.34	77.83	91.68	2.36
English	71.18	41.83	70.07	88.48	3.75
Geography	15.12	34.44	56.28	76.13	9.5
Graphics	7.73	30.32	54.9	76.3	9.16
History	24.6	42.43	65.54	81.41	8.06
Mathematics	44.74	33.82	52.41	69.74	15.07
Modern Studies	20.63	33.49	56.15	75.4	12.33
Music	11.57	61.68	83.2	93.28	2.12
Physical Education	32.32	55.16	82.09	95.26	0.97
Physics	18.55	35.17	55.86	72.1	13.14
Practical Woodworking	10.87	46.35	69.91	87.85	6.29
Spanish	8.52	52.28	70	85.78	5.43

Higher 2023 National Results

Qualification Name	Resulted Entries % of Base Cohort	% Grade A	% Grades A to B	% Grades A to C	% No Award
Administration and IT	5.29	32.4	60.03	79.57	7.43
Applications of Mathematics	1.99	24.37	47.06	72.81	9.21
Art and Design	6.91	18.29	48.38	81.44	3.03
Biology	7.78	30.58	53.57	72.92	11.53
Business Management	9.74	34.49	56.95	75.86	11.67
Chemistry	10.67	29.5	53.54	75.61	9.04
Computing Science	3.96	32.98	50.82	67.09	17.5
Design and Manufacture	2.4	11.09	27.75	52.42	19.1
Drama	2.95	24.37	56.25	82.35	5.32
English	40.27	24.9	51.09	74.58	9.04
Geography	8.46	37.47	58.64	76.2	10.94
Graphic Communication	3.73	14.92	42.72	73.44	7.49
Health and Food Technology	1.67	11.79	34.1	61.72	15.67
History	11.79	34.01	59.8	77.02	12.76
Mathematics	20.69	35.73	56.26	71.17	17.27
Modern Studies	11.82	38.18	58.68	75.96	12.74
Music	5.82	49.96	79.67	92.9	1.99
Physical Education	13.65	31.84	62.44	87.36	3.39
Physics	8.87	31.77	56.35	75.72	10.74
Spanish	2.75	46.6	65.56	81.58	8.35

Other Information/FAQs

When will my child see their S3 timetable?

Although they will not begin their S3 timetable until the first day back in the new session (August 2025), students will be issued with their S3 timetable in June prior to the summer holidays.

When will the new timetable start?

At the beginning of the new session in August 2025.

What happens in the event of my child not being able to access all their first choice subjects?

A relevant member of staff will arrange a discussion with your child and be in contact with you at the earliest opportunity to discuss further with you.

When filling in the personalisation form, can I choose the same subject as a number 1 choice in more than one column?

No as we are aspiring to provide you with your first choice in each column as far as possible.

If Physics (for example) is my 2nd choice in the Science column can I choose it as a 1st choice in one of the additional choice columns?

Yes you can.

When will I know what the final options are for My Academy in addition to Duke of Edinburgh?

Following further consultation, this will be shared with students and parents/carers at the earliest opportunity when 2025-26 staffing is confirmed.

If my child decides after S3 that they want to study a subject they haven't done in S3, are they able to do this?

Whilst not encouraged, courses are designed to support this as much as possible.

How many subjects is my child likely to study in S4 (Senior Phase – National Qualifications)?

Either 6 or 7 including English & Maths as compulsory.

If my child and I feel that we need some additional support/guidance to choose courses, can I contact someone at the school?

Yes, of course. Please contact Mrs. Oliver. Mrs. Oliver will be in contact with some parents/carers in the first instance as appropriate to arrange a meeting or a discussion to complete the personalisation form together.



My Academy



Duke of Edinburgh Award



STEM Leaders



Sports Leaders



Music Technology