

# Stromness Academy

32 COURSE CHOICE







# S2 Course Choice

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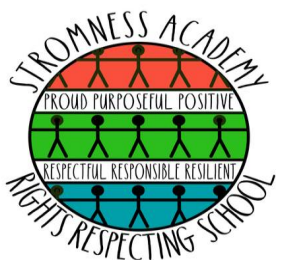
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# Curriculum Rationale

**Every pupil should leave us with skills, abilities and qualifications appropriate to their potential, enabling them to move on to a sustained positive destination**





# Stages of Secondary School

## S1–3 Broad General Education

- opportunity to try many different subjects
- find out your personal strengths
- learn transferable skills

## S4–6 Senior Phase

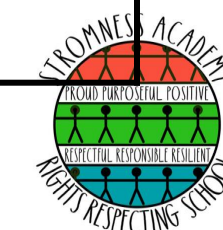
- Specialised curriculum
- focus on outcomes to achieve next steps
- preparation for the world of work





# The BGE Curriculum

CfE Curriculum Area	Stromness Academy Subjects
Expressive Arts	Art & Design, Music
Health and Wellbeing	HE, PE, PSE
Languages	English, French, German
Mathematics	Mathematics
Religious and Moral Education	RME
Sciences	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Social Subjects	Business, Geography, History, Modern Studies
Technologies	Computing Science, Admin & IT, HE, Fashion and Textiles, Practical Craft Skills, Design Technology,





# 2026-27 Curriculum

Subject	Number of lessons a week
English	4
Maths	4
Modern Languages	2 German, 1 French
PE	2
Modern Studies	1
RME	1
PSE	1
Activities	1
and 8 options	2 per subject





## Core subjects

All students study English and Maths until the end of S4. These give the core literacy and numeracy skills for life and work.

All students in Scotland study 2 modern languages until the end of S3. These help students prepare for work in a global community as well as developing an understanding of other culture

In Modern Studies, students learn about current issues in society including inequality and politics.





# Options Subjects

Options must include one from each of the curricular areas to retain a broad general education and to prepare for S4.

The options form lays out how to select one from each area.

They can freely choose the others with one reserve



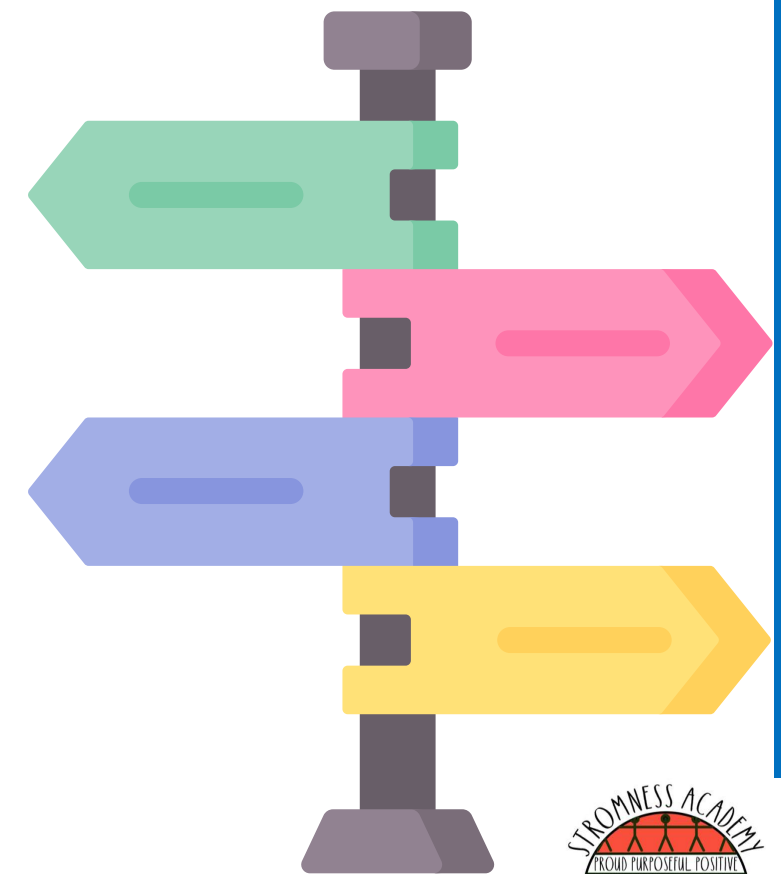




# Our Options Booklet

To help you make your choices, there is a subject booklet on the school website:

<https://www.stromnessacademy.org.uk/curriculum/course-choice/#BGE>





## Next steps

- 1: Take a look at the website
- 2: Complete the options sheet
- 3: Get the signatures needed
- 4: Hand in it and collect the codes for the online submission
- 5: Complete the online form before Thurs 4th March





# The Options Sheet

Name:

Class:



**Stromness Academy**

**S2 to S3 Option Choice Form**

In S3 you are required to study subjects from all eight curriculum areas, but there is room for some specialisation. Some subjects are compulsory and are already ticked for you.

1. Everyone will keep 'core' subjects.
2. Choose one subject from each curriculum area
3. Choose four subjects in the Options column, numbering them in preference order, with number 1 being your most preferred subject.
4. Return this form to the school office once it has been completed and signed.

You must not choose the same subject twice.







# The Options Sheet

## 2. Choose 1 from each area

Social Studies (choose 1)	
Business	
Geography	
History	
Sciences (choose 1)	
Biology	
Chemistry	
Physics	
Expressive Arts (choose 1)	
Art & Design	
Music	
Technologies (choose 1)	
Admin & IT	
Computing Science	
Design and Technology	
Fashion and Textile Technology	
Practical Cookery	
Practical Craft Skills	

## 3. Options: Choose 4 subjects (5-8)

Admin & IT	
Art & Design	
Biology	
Business	
Chemistry	
Computing Science	
Design and Technology	
Fashion and Textile Technology	
Geography	
History	
Music	
Music Technology	
Physical Education	
Physics	
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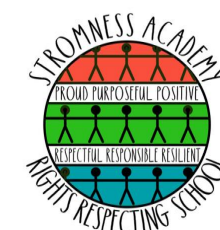
# Making the decision!

Think:

**Enjoyment** – take a look and decide whether you will find it interesting

**Opportunity** – are you thinking you might like to study it in the future? S3 courses help prepare students for senior phase.

**Informed** – book an appointment at parents' evening to discuss it with a teacher (Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March)

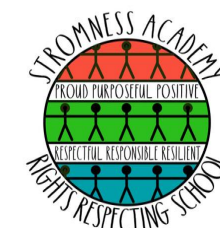




# HOWEVER...

Don't choose it because:

- your mates are doing it
- you like/ hate the teacher
- other people liked it
- it looks good on job applications







## Getting support

- Guidance teachers are a good source of information
- Our careers advisers are available for individual support
- MyWOW website
- Parents evening (Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March)
- Teacher discussions
- Course choice booklet
- Reports



## Extra support

We have the SDS Careers service in school.  
All students can book an appointment with them.  
As parents, you can take a look at their website:  
<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/>  
<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/parents-and-carers>



# Questions

