



Craigmount

High School

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Moving from S3 to S4

A Guide for S3 Parents and Carers

 awareness  drive  aspiration  purpose  trust

Aims of the Session

- To help families understand the process of moving from S3 to S4.
- To give families information to consider with their child about options in S4.

S3...finishing BGE and looking ahead to Senior Phase



S3 Year Team



Mr Gair
Depute & S3 Year Head

Mr Ellis
S3 Pupil Support Leader

Ms Mulhern
S3 SfL Leader

Mrs Maxey-Anderson
S3 Pupil Support Link

Potential

Movement
between
classes



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Rules & Expectations

READY
Work to your full effort and potential.
Be on time for learning.
Be prepared with equipment ready at the start of the lesson.
Phones should be out of sight.

RESPECTFUL
Show respect for yourselves, other people and property.
Speak in a calm, respectful manner at all times.
Respect and support the differences of others.

SAFE
Follow all instructions.
Sensible movement within and between classes.
Report any unsafe behaviour or situations.

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Merits,
demerits &
referrals

S3 Merits Total

Tutor	THIS WEEK	THIS TERM
3A1	58	391
3A2	52	364
3B1	56	372
3B2	69	406
3C1	64	377
3C2	40	390
3P1	54	309
3S1	54	360



Positive Recognition

- Awareness**
This recognises commitment to social justice and equalities.
- Drive**
This recognises effort and ownership of learning.
- Aspiration**
This recognises achievement in learning.
- Purpose**
This recognises wider contributions and achievements across the school and local community.
- Trust**
This recognises actions of respect and kindness.



What will change? What will stay the same?

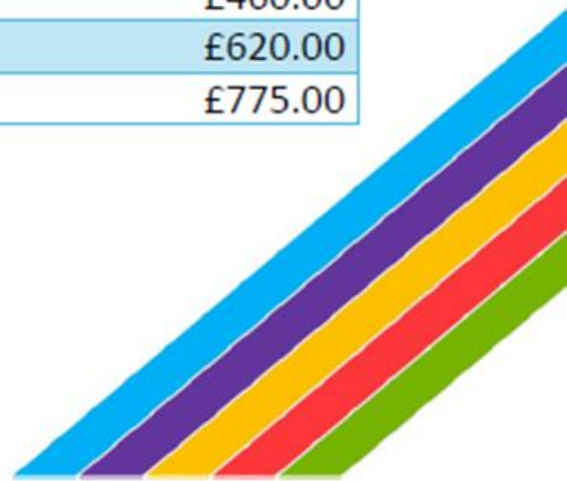
In S3	In S4
8 subjects	7 subjects
3 periods of each subject	4 periods of each subject
2 periods of core PE	2 periods of core PE
1 period of core RME	1 period of core RME
1 period of PSE	1 period of PSE
Only S3 pupils in class	Mixture of S4-S6 pupils in class
Broad General Education	Working towards qualifications

S3 Residential Trips 2025



In May and June 2025, we are offering the opportunity for all S3 pupils to take part in a residential (overnight) trip.

<u>Trip Name</u>	<u>Provisional Start Date</u>	<u>Provisional Return Date</u>	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
Battlefields (France/Belgium) Trip	18/05/2025	22/05/2025	£600.00
Berlin Trip	12/05/2025	15/05/2025	£775.00
Eigg Trip	16/06/2025	20/06/2025	£250.00
London (Dance) Trip	12/05/2025	14/05/2025	£460.00
London Trip	12/05/2025	15/05/2025	£620.00
Madrid Trip	12/05/2025	15/05/2025	£775.00



What qualifications are on offer in S4?

National 3 / National 4

Assessed through ongoing coursework which is assessed by the class teacher.
Usually made of up of 3 units of work completed throughout the year. All units need to be completed to gain the course award.

National 5

Mostly assessed by an exam set by SQA in May.
Some practical subjects will also have an external assessor element before May.

NPA Level 5

Assessed through ongoing coursework which is assessed by the class teacher.

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications	
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5	National Progression Award (NPA)
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Progression Award (NPA)
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3	National Progression Award (NPA)
2	National 2, Awards	National Progression Award (NPA)
1	National 1, Awards	

What should we consider?

- Your child should think at this stage what subject they would like to remove from their timetable.
- This should be about the subject and **not** about the friendship groups in the class or the teacher.
- What could the subject allow me to do after S4? – Use the Curriculum Pathway documents on the school website.

What else should we consider?

- If your child has picked one of the following subjects, they will need to choose an S4 option the faculty offer.

<u>FCT</u>	<u>Admin & IT</u>	<u>PE</u>	<u>Sports & Fitness</u>	<u>Modern Studies</u>
<i>Nat 4/5 Health and Food Technology</i>	<i>Nat 5 Business and IT</i>	<i>PE</i>	<i>Level 5 Sports and Fitness</i>	<i>Nat 4/5 Modern Studies</i>
<i>Nat 5 Practical Cookery</i>	<i>NPA Level 5 Business with IT</i>	<i>NPA Level 5 Team/Individual Sports</i>	<i>Level 5 Team/Individual Sports</i>	<i>Nat 5 Sociology</i>
<i>Level 4/5 Hospitality</i>				<i>NPA Level 5 Criminology</i>
<i>Level 4/5 Early Learning & Childcare</i>				

- Would they like to complete a school college partnership course?

School College Partnership (SCP)

- Instead of studying all 7 S4 subjects in Craigmount, pupils can choose to study one with Edinburgh College.
- Take place on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.
- The SCP courses are all accredited as a level 4-7 courses.
- They all lead into the possibility of a full-time course the following year at Edinburgh College.

SCP Subject Areas



for the future you want

Computer Games
Development &
Cyber Security
E-Gaming

Film & Media
Radio Broadcast with
Journalism
Digital Media Editing

Access &
Continuing
Education

Technical Theatre &
Costume
Acting &
Performance
Make-up Artistry
Performing Arts

Professional
Cookery
Hospitality

ESOL & Modern
Languages

Music Business
& Sound
Production

Cyber Security
Computer
Games
Development

Hair &
Beauty

Early Years & Teacher
Training
Childcare
Health & Social Care

Police Studies &
Criminology

IT
Business
Accounting

Engineering
Automotive
Electrical Skills
Construction &
Trades

Psychology

Travel & Tourism
Retail & Events

What support is available?

- Skills Development Scotland Careers Advisers
Cat Burns & Lesley Robertson
Based in school Monday – Friday.

- My World of Work

www.myworldofwork.co.uk

Timeline

- February 2025

Option conversations for S3 to S4 begin.

College applications open for SCP – these need to be completed by pupils on the college website.

- May 2024 S4 timetables issued and S4 begins.

Questions?

Feel free to contact me directly on Gavin.Ellis@craigmount.edin.sch.uk

