

Senior Course Choice 2017/2018

Electives

The following is a brief descriptor of electives that are available. **These will only run if there is enough uptake.** Each elective runs for 2 periods a week, you can choose 2 electives plus a reserve choice. You may be guided towards private study, depending on your overall subject choice. If an elective is over-subscribed there will be a selection process.

Art Folio Prep

This folio course provides a chance to work on an art folio as preparation for Art College, to further a personal art enquiry and/or to help successfully complete a national qualification. It could be used as extra time to boost chances of a strong grade as a supplement to regular class time.

Bridge

Bridge is a card game that requires skill, strategy and problem solving. A member of the local bridge club will come along and introduce you to this game.

Economics

Do you want to know why we pay taxes and what government spends our taxes on? How will 'Brexit' affect the British and European economies in the next few years? Learn about how markets work and the laws of supply and demand. Learn why unemployment and inflation is so harmful to an economy. What is economic 'globalisation'? Why economics causes wars.

First Aid

This course will cover the basics required for first aid which is a good skill for life. The aim is to offer a qualification that should be recognised by local employers.

Fitness & Health

The Health and Fitness course is designed to promote active living through a variety of practical fitness sessions like boxercise, interval training and circuits. Sessions will promote the benefits of exercise for mental wellbeing and academic achievement. Some lessons will investigate the benefits of healthy eating and pupils will get the opportunity to make nutritious food.

German

Talking, Listening, Reading and Writing skills and a cultural awareness are developed through activities and games, increasing your understanding and use of the language and grammar.

Languages for life and work

"The Modern Languages for Life & Work Award will give you the opportunity to develop your language & employability skills through studying one or two languages in practical & relevant contexts."

Lifeguarding

Pupils will get an opportunity to complete the National Pool Lifeguarding Qualification (NPLQ). This award allows people to gain employment as a pool lifeguard.

Literacy

National 5 literacy. Pupils must take this if they have still to achieve this standard.

Numeracy

National 5 numeracy. Pupils must take this if they have still to achieve this standard.

Peer Mentoring

This is an elective uses the Mentors for Violence Prevention programme. This develops skills in presentation, organisation and leadership. You will work with junior pupils in anti-violence education (bullying, gender based violence and relationships). This is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in education, police, nursing, etc

Press Group

This course is for pupils interested in gathering news and writing copy for both the local press and school social media outlets. Pupils would canvas staff and pupils during their timetabled lesson and then write up articles for a fortnightly deadline. Pupil would act as reporters to cover, and take photographs, at school events, visits by organisations/experts, school trips, etc. Possible opportunities exist for interviewing Angus authority's best and brightest in business, the council and the general public

Private Study

2 periods of supervised private study to support progress in national qualifications

Sign language

This course is designed to teach learners to communicate with Deaf people in British Sign Language (BSL) on a range of topics that involve simple, everyday language use. They will gain basic skills and confidence in production and reception of BSL. This will include understanding and communicating basic conversation when meeting people, signing basic numbers, knowing different weather conditions, modes of transport and being able to communicate a range of directions.

Statistics

This is an optional unit within Higher maths which we are offering as a standalone course. Although anyone can choose this, the level is that of higher maths. It would benefit any pupil taking an Advanced Higher science.

Senior Responsibility

Helping teachers with junior classes. Any time is credited towards Saltire Volunteering Award

Sports Leaders

Community Sports Leaders Award. SCQF level 5 award in Community Sports Leadership is a national recognised qualification that enables successful learners to lead groups of people in sport/ activity, under indirect supervision. The qualification teaches generic leadership skills such as organisation, planning, communication and teamwork through the medium of sport. It is a fun and practical qualification with no entrance requirements of final examinations. It includes 42 hours of guided learning (including 10 hours demonstration of leadership).

Technical theatre

An opportunity to learn how to use the new equipment in our theatre

Travel and tourism

This is a national course which can be delivered through an elective

Work Experience

Pupils can go on work experience during elective time. Pupils must organise their own work experience and Mrs Spink needs to ensure the employer is on the councils database or work experience providers.