

Senior Information Evening

27th August 2026



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 - Assessment Blocks
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DESTINATION PLANNING

- School Leaver destinations are published annually.
 - Leaver's destinations – The most up to date information available for session 2024/2025 was published by the Scottish Government in February, with the figure for Castlehead being **97%**. Above our virtual comparator school for the 3rd year running.
 - Our destinations remain varied:
 - **38%** Higher Education
 - **25%** Further Education
 - **22%** Employment
 - **11%** Training
 - Remaining to personal skills development and volunteering
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WHAT MATTERS MOST?

Qualifications matter – but they are not the whole story

We want every young person to:

- Achieve to the best of their ability
- Develop confidence and independence
- Make informed choices about their future
- Understand their strengths and interests
- Develop skills for learning, life and work
- Leave school with a positive and sustainable destination.

The right destination is not necessarily the same destination for every young person



PARTNERSHIP

Young person + Family + School

Young Person

- Take increasing responsibility
- Attend consistently
- Engage with learning
- Ask for help when they need it.
- Make decisions about their next steps

Parents & Carers

- Encourage and listen
- Help establish good routines
- Support wellbeing
- Encourage ambition

School

- Provide high quality learning, teaching and assessment.
- Provide pastoral and wellbeing support
- Provide career and pathways guidance
- Work with families when additional support is needed.

The strongest outcome happens when we work together

DYW and Employability

Miss Feeney
DYW Coordinator



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The Role of a DYW (Developing the Young Workforce) Coordinator



- Increase employer engagement opportunities
 - Promote and maintain career education and career opportunities
 - Track, monitor and support positive destinations for all learners
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What does this look like for our young people?



- **Career talks**
- **Career Fairs**
- **Site visits**- STEM trips, college visits, university experience days
- **Destination Audit**- QR code with Microsoft Form to track anticipated leaving date, pathway and destination
- **Work Experience**

All opportunities are shared on the Sway and many are also featured in the school bulletin



S4 Work Experience

- 20th – 23rd October
 - S4 pupils work with local employers and organisations for between two and four days to explore careers, build confidence and develop metaskills, as well as ensuring a stronger CV for future employers, colleges and universities.
 - A reminder that the deadline for applying for a placement via Workit is Friday 11th September.
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What support is available?

- **Invest in Renfrewshire-** Louise from the team at Invest comes in regularly to work with leavers on CVs, job applications, interview prep etc
 - **Flexible work placements-** whether it's to try out a career sector or gain some experience to support applications, there are opportunities available on Workit (for all senior pupils, not just S4)
 - **SDS Career Advisors**
 - **College applications/CV workshops**
 - **Renfrewshire DYW social media pages**
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DYW OPPORTUNITIES

PUBLIC

KEEP AN EYE ON THE SWAY FOR UPCOMING
OPPORTUNTUES IN A RANGE OF CAREER PATHS



@chsemployability



Sway



STEM

The Alan Turing Institute, in partnership with MI5, GCHQ, SIS (MI6) and the Ministry of Defence, is offering a fully funded two-day Data Science and Artificial Intelligence careers experience for S5 pupils in Glasgow this October. Participants will explore study and career pathways, take part in practical activities and challenges, and learn from experts working across the sector. Breakfast, lunch and travel support are provided.

The programme is aimed at students interested in STEM subjects and particularly encourages applications from groups currently underrepresented in Data Science and AI, including those from widening access backgrounds. For full eligibility criteria and

programme details, please visit the

[Apply here](#) by 14 Sep 2026

Sway

Medicine



Every year, the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh runs free lectures for young people who are considering a career in medicine. These lectures can be attended in person at the College's Queen Street premises, watched via livestream, or viewed on catch-up any time after the event.

Our next lectures will take place on [Monday 28th September 2026](#) and [Wednesday 30 September 2026](#). Recordings of past lectures can be watched [HERE](#).

Schools' Lecture 2026 : Entry to

Monday 28th September 2026,

Don't let the application process stop you. Find out everything you need to know with

[BOOK NOW](#)

Schools' Lecture 2026: Medical

Wednesday 30 September 2026

Curious about medical ethics? S

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NHS

Check out our page for useful resources on our [NHSGGC Careers Insight Opportunities page](#). To follow us on Facebook [Click here](#)

QUICK LINK GUIDE... Get Ready for Medicine –

- Please click here for to [Join interest list for when new dates are released](#)

Get Ready for Nursing - Registration list opened for autumn 2026

- Please click here for the [NURSING FLYER](#)
- Please click here for the [Registering interest list for Autumn 2026](#)

Get Ready for Physiotherapy

- Please click here for the [PHYSIOTHERAPY](#)
- Please click here to [Register for interest](#)

Get Ready for Midwifery WEBINAR

- Please click here for the [WEBINAR FLYER](#)

Get Ready for Midwifery IN PERSON

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Get Ready for Podiatry

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Assessment Blocks



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Assessment Blocks

- Rationale
 - Evaluation
 - Revised structure
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Assessment Blocks 2026-2027

- **Assessment Block 1-** 29th September to 8th October
 - **Assessment Block 2-** 7th December to 21st December
 - **Assessment Block 3-** 1st March to 9th March
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Assessment Blocks

Assessment Block 1 (30th September-8th October)

S4

Column	Date	Periods
A	Tue 29th September	6+7
B	Fri 2nd October	3+4
C	Wed 30th September	5+6
D	Thu 8th October	6+7
E	Mon 5th October	1+2
F	Tue 6th October	4+5
G	Wed 7th October	3+4

S5/6

Column	Date	Periods
A	Thu 1st October	4+5
B	Tue 29th September	4+5
C	Wed 30th September	1+2
D	Tue 6th October	6+7
E	Fri 2nd October	5+6



Assessment Block Information

Column	Subject	Level	Date	Periods
A	English	National 5	Tue 29 th September	6+7
	Paper Title	Duration	Coverage/Format	
	RUAE	1 hour	Assessment will assess understanding, analysis and evaluation of an unseen text (30 marks).	
Column	Subject	Level	Date	Periods
B	Maths	National 5 (S4)	Fri 2 nd October	3+4
	Paper Title	Duration	Coverage/Format	
	N5 Maths Assessment Block 1, Paper 1/Paper 2	1 hour 10 mins	Paper 1 non-calculator 30mins. Paper 2 Calculator 40 mins.	
Column	Subject	Level	Date	Periods
C	Geography	National 5	Wed 30 th September	5+6
	Paper Title	Duration	Coverage/Format	
	Human Topics	90 minutes	Population, Rural, and Urban (incl. Map Skills)	



Assessment Block Information

Column	Subject	Level	Date	Periods
C	Music Technology	Higher	Mon 1 st March	6+7
	Paper Title	Duration	Coverage/Format	
	No assessment to allow for completion of assignments. A practice paper with full course coverage will take place out with the assessment block before pupils embark on study leave.			
Column	Subject	Level	Date	Periods
D	Graphic Communication	Higher	Tue 9 th March	6+7
	Paper Title	Duration	Coverage/Format	
	Assessment Block 3 - 65 marks	1hr 10 mins	Question paper/Mini Prelim. Full course coverage- Same format as final exam	
E	Chemistry	Higher	Fri 5 th March	5+6
	Paper Title	Duration	Coverage/Format	
	Assessment block 3 paper	50 marks (75 mins)	Multiple choice and extended response (including "Using your knowledge of chemistry" question) covering all Unit 2	



Tracking and Reporting

Timeline (Assessment Block 1)

- **W/B 05/10-** Pupil completes block 1 assessment
 - **W/B 19/10-** Learner conversation and interventions
 - **02/11-** Tracking report issued
 - **05/11-** S4 Parents evening
 - **10/11-** S5/6 parents evening
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Workshops

- Study skills
 - Supporting your child through exam stress and supporting effective study
 - Plagiarism, AI and your Qualifications Scotland Coursework
 - Skills Development Scotland and Invest Renfrewshire
 - Applying to University through UCAS
 - Metaskills at Castlehead
 - UWS Foundation Academy
 - Glasgow University Reach and Top-Up Programmes
 - Alternative Assessment Arrangements
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Workshop Structure

Workshop 1- 6:30-6:50



Workshop 2- 6:50-7:10



Workshop 3- 7:10-7:30

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