

Electives (S2 & S5-6)



CRAIGROYSTON
Community High School, Edinburgh

Elective Course Choice

S2 Elective

As part of the S2 curriculum, pupils are given an option to take an elective subject. This allows pupils to choose a non-traditional subject that allows them to pursue an interest or develop a skill that they may not in other subject areas.

The elective runs for 2 periods a week.

All S2 pupils will choose their elective via an online Microsoft Form.

S5-6 Elective

As part of the S5-6 curriculum, pupils are given an option to take an elective subject. This allows pupils to choose a non-traditional subject that allows them to pursue an interest or develop a skill that they may not in other subject areas.

In particular this allows pupils to explore areas that may be of interest to them when they leave school. This allows them to add something different to their C.V. that they may not get from a traditional subject.

A designated member of staff will meet with you to discuss your progress and help you to make the best choice for S5-6.

Your meeting will take place at some point during the following dates:

Tuesday 4th February – Friday 7th February

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

At the end of the meeting, your choices will be entered into our computer programme and printed off.

You must ensure that you take your course choice home and have it signed by your parent or carer. It should then be returned to your Head of House.

Please think about your subject choices carefully and discuss these with your teachers and parents/carers

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S2 ELECTIVE

Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
INTRODUCTION TO MEDIA	An introduction to the elements of Media covered in the Senior Phase and later in the BGE in an accessible way that hopefully gives them the tools needed later to attain in Media.	Subject skills used: English and Media. Possible Careers: Writer, Director, Cinematographer, etc.

S5/6 ELECTIVE

Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
VAGUELY CRAIGY (SCHOOL MAGAZINE WORKSHOP)	A newsroom for the Vaguely Craigy school magazine. There will be opportunities to create various different things for the magazine (writing, news stories, artwork) as well as opportunities to take part in the production processes of the magazine. This will be an active newsroom with a collaborative environment open to the ideas you can bring to the Vaguely Craigy team.	Subject skills used: English, Media, Journalism. Possible Careers: Writer, Journalist, Editor, Copy editor, Graphic designer, social media manager.
Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
GOTHIC LITERATURE	A journey through Gothic Literature and Gothic Media in which the class will be introduced to the concepts of the genre, read some famous examples and eventually create something haunting of their own.	Subject skills used: English. Possible Careers: Writer, English Literature Student, English teacher, Filmmaker.

Expressive Arts



S2 ELECTIVE

Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
Drama: ACTING AND DESIGN FOR STAGE AND SCREEN	Learners will devise dramatic work tailored to a specific audience <i>e.g. children, the elderly, teens etc.</i>	Subject: S3 Drama Career (example): Director
Music: Music and Music Technology	Learners will use iPads and instrumental skills to explore music production techniques and composition.	Music Career (example) Sound engineer
Dance	Learners will explore movement, technical skills, and choreography through a range of musical styles.	Dance Career (example) Dancer/performer

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Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
<i>Drama:</i> TECHNICAL THEATRE IN PRACTICE	<p>Technical Theatre in Practice NPA at Level 6 is designed to provide candidates with a range of design skills for use in technical theatre as well as specialising in specific areas such as lighting and sound.</p> <p>https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/38290.html</p> <p>This is part of an Interdisciplinary opportunity, working closely with other Senior Phase Electives such as Music, Art and Design Technology to produce final pieces of work/performances.</p>	<p>Subject: SP Drama</p> <p>Career (example): Lighting Designer Sound Designer</p>
<i>Music:</i> CREATING MUSIC/COMPOSING SKILLS	<p>This elective is designed for pupils already studying Music or Music Technology, wishing to further develop their skills in composition, song writing and sound design. Pupils will explore composition in a variety of styles, using different instruments, software and facilities (e.g. Logic Pro X, Sibelius notation software and Recording Studio facilities).</p>	<p>Subject(s): SP Music Performing (and/or) SP Music Technology</p> <p>Career (example): Song writer Composer Musician Music Producer DJ</p>
<i>Art & Design:</i> ART & DESIGN PLUS/PORTFOLIO PREPARATION	<p>This elective is designed for pupils who would like to develop their skills further to produce a portfolio and support with UCAS for successful application to Art College.</p> <p>The elective is also open to senior Art and Design Learners who would like to receive an extra two periods where they will receive further support and feedback to develop their portfolios.</p>	<p>Subject(s): SP Art and Design Higher Photography</p> <p>Career (example): Practicing Artist Roles in Museums and Galleries Graphic Designer Illustrator</p>

Health & Wellbeing

S2 ELECTIVE



Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
SCHOOL FOR CHEFS	<p>For students interested in a career in the hospitality industry.</p> <p>Learn about working in a kitchen providing food for customers.</p> <p>An opportunity to learn and practice skills such as breadmaking, cake baking and pizza dough.</p> <p>There will be lessons from professional chefs from various restaurants and kitchens around Edinburgh.</p>	<p>Local and international opportunities working in the hospitality industry as a chef.</p> <p>Further courses at college in hospitality, catering and apprenticeship courses.</p>
S2 SCHOOL OF FOOTBALL * Open only to S1 School of Football Students (Boys and Girls Groups)	<p>This is only for students already identified as part of the School of Football Programme.</p> <p>Part of the week's sessions will be carried out during the S2 Electives time.</p>	<p>Subjects students could select are National Courses in Physical Education, and in S5 and beyond Leadership in Sport and</p> <p>Careers range from PE teaching and coaching to sports industry staff and management.</p>
S2 Aspiring Athletes	<p>For students who are interested in sports and developing their abilities across a number of sports such as rugby, netball, volleyball and badminton.</p> <p>Pupils must bring a change of kit to all lessons even if they are injured.</p> <p>This is an opportunity to have more of a skills and tactics focus to help improve performance in anticipation for S3 fast track.</p>	<p>Pupils could go into an avenue of jobs. Ranging from coaching, personal training or looking into semi-professional sports.</p>

S4 Core PE Time – School of Football Mixed Gender Group School of Football (3 periods)

NPA Sport and Fitness: Team Sport SCQF Level 5 Group Award code: G9CJ45 Open to Male and Female School of	<p>This is an elective only available to Students previously involved in S3 School of Football</p> <p>Progress to this qualification will be based on being approved by PE staff for entry requirements.</p>	<p>Future Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HND/ HNC Coaching and Developing Sport or Sports Therapy • HND Fitness Health and Exercise • Physical Education Teaching (MA)
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Football students S3 going into S4 Only .	THIS IS NOT AN OPEN ELECTIVE COURSE FOR OTHER STUDENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport and Recreation Management (BSc) • Applied Sports Science (BSc) Future Career <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Trainer • Sports Coach • PE Teacher • Sports Development Officer • Sports Scientist
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Health & Wellbeing



S5/6 ELECTIVE

Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
<p>S5/6 SCHOOL OF FOOTBALL</p> <p>NPA ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN SPORT</p> <p>Open to S5 or S6 Senior School of Football only</p>	<p>This is an elective only available to Students previously involved in S3 & S4 School of Football</p> <p>Progress to this qualification will be based on being approved by D. Black for entry requirements.</p> <p>THIS IS NOT AN OPEN ELECTIVE COURSE FOR OTHER STUDENTS</p> <p>*Note that this is a follow on from the S4 School of Football qualification. - NPA Sport and Fitness: Team Sport</p>	<p>Future Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HND/ HNC Coaching and Developing Sport or Sports Therapy • HND Fitness Health and Exercise • Physical Education Teaching (MA) • Sport and Recreation Management (BSc) • Applied Sports Science (BSc) <p>Future Career</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Trainer • Sports Coach • PE Teacher • Sports Development Officer • Sports Scientist
GIRLS DO SPORT!	<p>An opportunity for female students to participate in physical activity in an all-female empowering, motivational environment that is aimed at improving health and well-being and developing life-long participation.</p> <p>Links will be made with outside agencies and a variety of physical activities will be on offer.</p> <p>All participants must be willing to be fully active during the lessons which includes coming prepared to change kit for lessons.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and sport related careers and subjects • Lifelong health and wellbeing • Support for Life in any form of career or industry
SPORT FOR LIFE ELECTIVE	<p>Opportunity for students to carry out Physical Activity aimed at improving health and well-being and developing life-long participation.</p> <p>Links will be made with outside agencies and a variety of physical activities will be on offer.</p> <p>All participants must be willing to be fully active during the lessons which includes coming prepared to change kit for lessons.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and sport related careers and subjects • Lifelong health and wellbeing • Support for Life in any form of career or industry

Mathematics & Numeracy



S5/6 ELECTIVE

Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
MATHS PLUS	<p>Pupils will work exclusively on Math work.</p> <p>This will involve completing classwork, home learning and study.</p>	<p>This may lead to a career or study where Level 5 and Higher Level are required.</p>
<p>NUMERACY</p> <p>For students who have not chosen Maths but want to improve numeracy skills</p>	<p>Pupils will work exclusively on Numeracy skills at level 4 and 5</p> <p>This will involve completing classwork, home learning and study.</p>	<p>This will lead to obtaining a Numeracy qualification.</p>

Modern Languages



S2 ELECTIVE

Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
NAIL ART	Learners study different nail art techniques and designs, create their own patterns, and of course – paint nails!	<p>Pupils may choose ‘Manicure Skills’ as a senior elective.</p> <p>This could lead to a career in the beauty industry.</p>

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Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
AMAZING NAILS	<p>This course gives learners the skills and knowledge to give professional manicures and to identify skin diseases that would prevent the performance of a manicure treatment. It involves a series of theory lessons followed by practical work.</p> <p>Pupils could earn a NPA level 5 in manicure skills.</p>	<p>A great steppingstone to a career in the beauty industry.</p> <p>This course would definitely boost your college application and even give you priority over students who haven't done it in school.</p>
British Sign Language	Pupils will learn the basics of British Sign Language, so that they can communicate with people who have a hearing impairment. They will also choose if they want to work to support a related charity.	An added bonus for any career.
Language Leadership	This is a leadership course best suited to Pupils who are already learning a language or did so in S4 or S5. Pupils will learn language skills that are directly related to the workplace. It also improves employability skills by helping with things like building a CV, interview skills etc. The leadership element of the course will involve being a Language Leader in the school, supporting and promoting language learning across the school and potentially in primaries.	<p>The employability skills and language skills in this course would be helpful in any career path.</p> <p>The leadership element of this course will be a great addition to your CV and UCAS or college application.</p>

	Pupils will work towards the Languages for Life and Work Leadership award at SQA level 5 or 6	
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Science



S2 ELECTIVE

Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
REAL WORLD SCIENCE	Pupils will explore a range of real-world science based activities and experiments. These will focus on problem solving, product design, teamwork and investigation skills.	<p>Pupils may want to take any Science, Technology or Maths subjects in S4.</p> <p>This may lead to a career in science, engineering or design.</p>

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Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
ECO GROUP	Pupils will partake in activities to make the school environmentally friendly. These activities will be based around ideas from the class. For example, this year the group launched paper recycling in every classroom.	<p>Pupils may want to take any Science, Technology or Maths subjects in S4.</p> <p>This may lead to a career in science, engineering or design.</p>

Social Subjects



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Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
BIG QUESTIONS	We will ask some of the most challenging ethical and philosophical questions of our modern society. Topics will include Environmental Ethics, Artificial Intelligence and Crime and punishment.	RMPS

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Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
MENTORS IN VIOLENCE PROTECTION (MVP)	Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) is a peer mentoring programme that gives young people the chance to explore and challenge the attitudes, beliefs and cultural norms that underpin gender-based violence, bullying and other forms of violence.	

Technologies



S2 ELECTIVE

Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES	<p>Learning useful skills through the create use of technology. We will look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Games programming• Web design and programming• Micro:bit programming• Animation	<p>Pupils can choose to take any Computing subjects</p> <p>Jobs such as programmer or web developer.</p>

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Name	Description	Subjects & Careers
COMPUTING – NPA CHOICE	<p>Computer Games Development Practical course looking at the process of the creation of computer games. The course is split into 3 parts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design – designing a computer game 2. Creating the game 3. Designing and creating the art for the game <p>PC Passport This is an entry level IT course suitable as an alternative to Computing Science. You will learn useful skills for work. You may not end up working in an office, but you never know when you might need to use a computer for IT tasks!</p>	<p>College – computer games design SCQF courses</p> <p>College - PC Passport NPA</p> <p>Employment - Useful skills in any job that may require the use of a computer.</p>
BUSINESS – EMPLOYABILITY AND ENTERPRISE	<p>Business Enterprise Students get involved in the art of entrepreneurship. This course equips participants with the skills and knowledge needed to plan and manage their own businesses.</p> <p>Students will get hands-on experience at starting their own business and receive a small amount of funding to turn their innovative ideas into reality, navigating through market research, financial management, product development, and marketing strategies. If successful, the money can be used within the faculty for various purposes.</p>	<p>College – Business Enterprise and Marketing courses</p> <p>Employment – small business owner, business analyst, sales</p>
CREATIVE WORKSHOP SKILLS	<p>Pupils will work exclusively on designing workshop projects.</p> <p>This will involve manufacturing products using new skills in a workshop environment.</p>	<p>This may lead to a career in design or a trade specific industry.</p>