

# SA Connect

## *Advanced Higher Learning Hub*

### Prospectus 2021-22

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Providing a wider,  
equitable choice for  
South Ayrshire's Learners

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## **South Ayrshire Advanced Higher Learning Hub**

The rationale for the Advanced Higher Learning Hub is to promote equity in terms of subject choice to ensure opportunities to study at SCQF level 7 for all S6 learners across South Ayrshire regardless of location. Hub schools will offer identified subjects during afternoon travel columns each Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. At present, it is planned that most Advanced Higher Hub courses will be delivered face-to-face in schools. As a result of our advances in the delivery of high-quality remote learning, some courses accessed via Hub schools will be delivered remotely with young people joining from their base school and attending monthly face-to-face tutorial sessions.

For in-school courses and monthly tutorial sessions, there is an expectation that young people from across South Ayrshire will travel to identified hub schools if spaces are available. The cost of the travel will be met by South Ayrshire Council where travel is more than three miles. A maximum of four periods will be timetabled with a key teacher for each Advanced Higher course. A further period will be allocated to the learner for study and independent learning.

In each secondary school there may be Advanced Higher courses offered outwith the Hub and these can be accessed on a bespoke basis by any learner from across South Ayrshire, space permitted. These courses will also be accessed virtually from the learner's base school. SA Connect continues to support the development of a network of staff who are delivering online learning in all subject areas throughout South Ayrshire.

### **Aim**

Studying at Advanced Higher aims:

- To provide a solid basis for progression into higher education while helping learners to develop a more mature and independent approach to study that will help sustain success at degree level and beyond
- To build on and further develop learners' knowledge and understanding of key concepts; they are also designed to better enable learners to interpret, critically analyse, evaluate and reflect on information.
- To support learners to build on their confidence and skills at subject level to be able to cope with the rigours of academic study at university and provide a very real understanding of what to expect.

### **Entry Requirements**

Entry into any Advanced Higher course is dependent on success at Higher level. In order to be successful at Advanced Higher learners should have a secure baseline from Higher and the entry requirement for progression will be a minimum of a B. Learners with less than a B pass will be considered on merit. There is an additional requirement for the learner to be mature, motivated and self-driven in their learning. There is also an expectation that the Advanced Higher course will be completed and not dropped during the year.

### **Start Date**

Places will be offered through the option programme in each school and will be secured when the SQA examination results are received in August. In June there will be relevant activities on offer, including taster lessons, skills development etc. for those opting for Advanced Higher study. The programme for this will be released in May and will run following school timetable change dates. Courses will begin officially in August.

### **Reporting**

Each school has its own reporting schedule but there will be a commitment that all learners, who study Advanced Higher in the Hub model, will receive tracking and full reports from the Hub School.

## What's on offer in the Advanced Higher Hub?

Advanced Higher	Times		School	Hub or Remote
Biology	Mon/Wed		Marr	Hub
Chemistry				
Computing				
Cyber Security (L5/L6)		Tues/Thur	Kyle	Hub
English	Mon/Wed		Carrick	Hub
French	Mon/Wed & Fri P2		Marr	Remote (SWEIC)
Geography		Tues/Thur	Belmont	Hub
			Prestwick	Hub
History				
Mathematics	Mon/Wed		Belmont	Hub
	Mon/Wed		Girvan	Hub
Modern Studies				
Music		Tues/Thur	Kyle	Hub
Music Technology		Tues/Thur	Ayr	Hub and Remote
Physical Ed.	Mon/Wed		QMA	Hub
Physics	Mon/Wed		Prestwick	Hub
RMPS (with Higher)	Mon/Wed		Belmont	Hub
Spanish	Mon/Wed		QMA	Hub
		Tues/Thur	Kyle	Remote (SWEIC)

Courses will only be offered if there are viable numbers of at least 10 students.

**HUB** courses will be delivered in-school with 4 taught periods in the Hub school and one period of independent learning or study in the young person's base school

**REMOTE** courses will be delivered through a blended learning model with young people accessing the class remotely from their base school and attending monthly face-to-face taught sessions in the hub school.

## Scholar

South Ayrshire Council subscribe to the SCHOLAR programme which supports learners from National 5 to Advanced Higher level. Studying at Advanced Higher requires learners to adopt a rigours self-driven study programme and Scholar will help to support independent study. This is because learners can use the materials to study anytime, anywhere, in school and or home. Courses can fit around class schedules, with short activities, clear goals and engaging content to encourage them to progress independently.

Available Courses												
Science and Mathematics				Languages				Business				
	N5	H	AH		N5	H	AH		N5	H	AH	
Biology	✓	✓	✓	English	✓	✓	✓	Accounting		✓	✓	
Chemistry	✓	✓	✓	ESOL	✓	✓	**	Art and Design		✓		
Computing Science	✓	✓	✓	French	*	✓	✓	Business Management		✓	✓	
Human Biology	**	✓	**	Gaelic	*	✓		Economics		✓	✓	
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	German	*	✓	✓	Psychology		✓	**	
Physics	✓	✓	✓	Mandarin	✓							
				Spanish	*	✓	✓					

## West OS

Created by teachers, as part of Scotland's National e-Learning Offer, West OS is an evolving platform providing recorded learning experiences for young people.

Staff and students can access resources via the West OS or Clickview tile on GLOW.

