



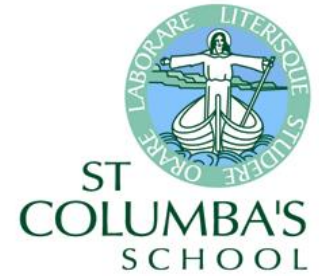
Subject Choices for Senior V

March 2016

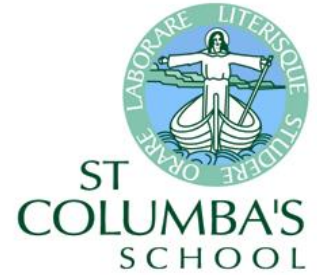
The Curriculum

- Senior V
 - Higher Grades
- Senior VI
 - Advanced Highers
 - Highers
 - Other experiences – the well-rounded person

The Curriculum



- English
- Mathematics
- Free choice



Senior V & VI Subjects

- Biology, Chemistry & Physics
- French & Spanish,
- Latin & Classical Studies
- Geography, History & Modern Studies
- Business Management
- Art & Design, Product Design & Graphic Communication

Senior V & VI Subjects

- Music
- Practical Woodwork
- Psychology and Philosophy (both SVI only)

Timetable

- Free choice to columns of the timetable
- Removing subjects with very low uptake
- Requesting changes
- Thursday 11th August – meet with Head of House
- Wednesday 17th August – new session

SIV to Higher

- Degree of difficulty
- Work ethic
- Homework
- The well-rounded student
- Part-time employment

The Higher Grade Year

- Units and Unit tests (UASPs)
- November Parents' Evening
- Progress sheets from individual subjects
- January prelims with written reports
- Class tests in March
- A reduced diet and withdrawing candidates

An Independent Education

When student differences such as prior ability, socio-economic status and average performance of a pupil's school are taken into account, attending an independent school in England from the junior / prep years:

- adds the equivalent of two additional years of schooling by the age of 16;

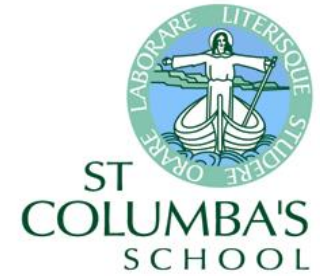
An Independent Education

- contributes an additional 0.64 of a GCSE grade across each of a candidates' best eight grades;
- generates superior pupil performance at the ages of 4, 8 and 10.

How to Choose Subjects



- What are you good at?
- What do you enjoy?
- Which subjects are suited to your learning style?
- What might you want to do in SVI (AH)
- What do you think you might want to do in the future?



St Columba's Destinations

SV/VI Leavers

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	(64)	(56)	(63)	(59)	(60)
University	53	51	55	52	56
Conservatoire	1			2	
Art School	2		2		
College	1	2	3	2	1
Apprenticeship	2			1	
Other inc Gap Years	5	3	3	2	3

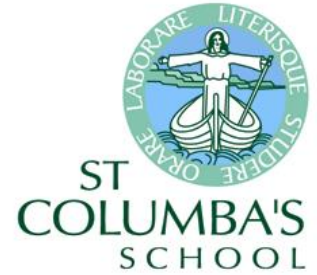
College (1)

- NC/HNC/HND or SVQs
- Apply directly to the college on-line applications
- Entry requirements for HNC/HND generally 2 Higher passes

College (2)

City of Glasgow College	Dental Nursing/Air Cabin Crew/Hospitality & Catering/Web Design/Interior Design
Glasgow Clyde College	Admin & IT technology/Fashion Design and Manufacture/Medical Secretary
Glasgow Kelvin College	Computer Games Development; Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (Peter Jones Academy)
West College Scotland	Sound Engineering/Conference & Events Management/ Construction

Modern Apprenticeships



www.myworldofwork.co.uk

BAE Systems

CITB Construction

Marriott Hotels (Scotland)

RBS

John Lewis

Rainbow Room International

Superdrug Stores

Thomas Cook

Rolls Royce

Employment

- Deloitte's Bright Start Scheme
- PWC HeadStart
- EY School Leaver programme
- National Audit Office
- RBS
- IBM Futures
- <http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk>

University

- What to study?
- Where to study?
- What are the requirements?

University Destinations

SVI Leavers



	2015 (64)	2014 (48)	2013 (55)	2012 (52)	2011 (57)
Edinburgh	11	14	13	7	12
Glasgow	6	3	1	12	12
Aberdeen	4	5	6	11	6
St Andrews	4	6	2	4	2
Strathclyde	6	8	3	1	2
Dundee	3	-	6	5	5
Stirling	2	-	1	2	-
RGU	2	2	2	-	3
Heriot Watt	4	4	6	1	2
QMUC	-	-	1	1	1
GCU	-	2	2	2	1
UWS	1	-	-	2	1
Abertay	-	-	-	-	-
Napier	2	2	2	-	3
Oxbridge	2	1	-	1	1
RUK	3	1	10	3	5

Subjects	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Engineering	8	9	10	6	12
Architecture	-	-		3	1
Business (inc Econ & Acc, Marketing)	16	8	11	6	11
Maths	-	4	3		
Physics	1	2	2		3
Chemistry	-	-	1		
Biological Sciences	6	2	5	1	
Medicine	2	3	1	5	4
Other Medical	1	1	1	2	3
Dentistry	-	-	2	2	1
Veterinary Medicine	-	1	1		1
Psychology	4	8	3	4	6
IT	2	-	3		1
English		3		1	3
Geography/Geology	1	-	4	3	
Law	2	3	1	7	1
Politics/IR	6	-	4	3	5
History	2	1	2	4	3
Languages	3	3	1	1	1
Classics/Latin	1	-		1	
Primary Education	2	-		1	
Art/Fashion/Hist of Art	6	1	2	2	1
Film/Theatre/Drama/Media	1	1	1		
Events Management			2		



Entrance Requirements 2016



	Law (LLB)	Engineering (Mechanical BEng)	Psychology (MA)	Business Management
Edinburgh	ABBB-AAAA (English at min B)	ABBB-AAAA (Maths & Physics)	ABBB- AAAA (Maths or a Science)	ABBB-AAAA
Glasgow	AAAAA (English)	AAABB (Maths & Physics)	AAAAB (inc Eng, Hum or Lang)	AAAAB
Aberdeen	AABBB- AAAB	ABBB (Maths & Physics)	AABB	AABB
Dundee	AABB (English at min B)	AABB	AABB	AABB

Subject Requirements

- Vary from university to university
- Eg Psychology
- Check the small print (eg Queen's)
- National 5 Maths

Entry to Scottish Universities

- Entry based on Higher
- One sitting
- Minimum entry requirements
- Does not always reflect degree of difficulty of course
- Applications from SV: be aware of UCAS application deadlines: 15th January 2017. Research necessary in summer

English Universities

- Oxbridge
- Recent leavers: Newcastle, Northumbria, Bath, Durham, King's, RAC
- Must normally do sixth year
- 3 Advanced Highers, generally at A or B
- Fees of up to £9,000 p/a

Further afield

- Irish (TCD) and other European universities eg Maastricht, Amsterdam
- American Universities (Fulbright Commission, FirstPoint USA)
- Canada
- Independent research and preparation
- SATs

Subject Choice

- Research the requirements of a range of possible courses
- Aim to keep your options open with a range of subjects
- Be realistic about your potential
- Don't Know..... Don't Worry
- 65%+ pupils go on to University or Further Education with no specific career in mind

What employers say

- It doesn't matter where you went to university
- It doesn't matter what subject you studied

What employers look for

- Verbal and written communication skills
- Thinking & problem-solving skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Well-rounded individuals
- Entrepreneurial spirit & global mindset
- STEM subjects
- Fluency in a foreign language

Next Steps

- Use Futurewise profile
- Learning Style preferences
- Look at your strengths
- Investigate some of the career suggestions
- www.myfuturewise.org

Next Steps (2)

- Subject Choice Booklet
- Head of House expertise & interviews
- UCAS website: www.ucas.com
- Complete University Guide
- School Website
- Access Your Allies
- Don't worry: Follow Your Heart