



Options Information 2025/26

S4 to S5

S5 to S6

Mr Henderson

Depute Head Teacher



Welcome / Housekeeping

Thank you all for attending

- Fire alarm / Muster point
 - Toilets
 - Timescales / Format of evening
 - Take aways
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Purpose of the evening

We want to help our young people to select the correct courses, at the right levels to achieve their goals.

How are we going to achieve this?

- Explain the curriculum structure of S5 & S6
 - Explain the courses and levels we offer
 - Explain the revised options process
 - Explain how our courses can help our young people achieve
 - Work in partnership with parents & carers
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What support is there?

- 1 to 1 Pastoral options interview
 - Career education in PSE
 - In school careers events
 - Careers advisor in school (Charlene)
 - Ms Wilkie and Mrs Carlin
 - Revised options process
 - Revised options booklet
 - Department presentations
 - Curriculum offering reviews
 - Labour market info (where are the jobs?)
 - Website information (see links at the end of the presentation)
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Labour market information is telling us....

West region growth areas:

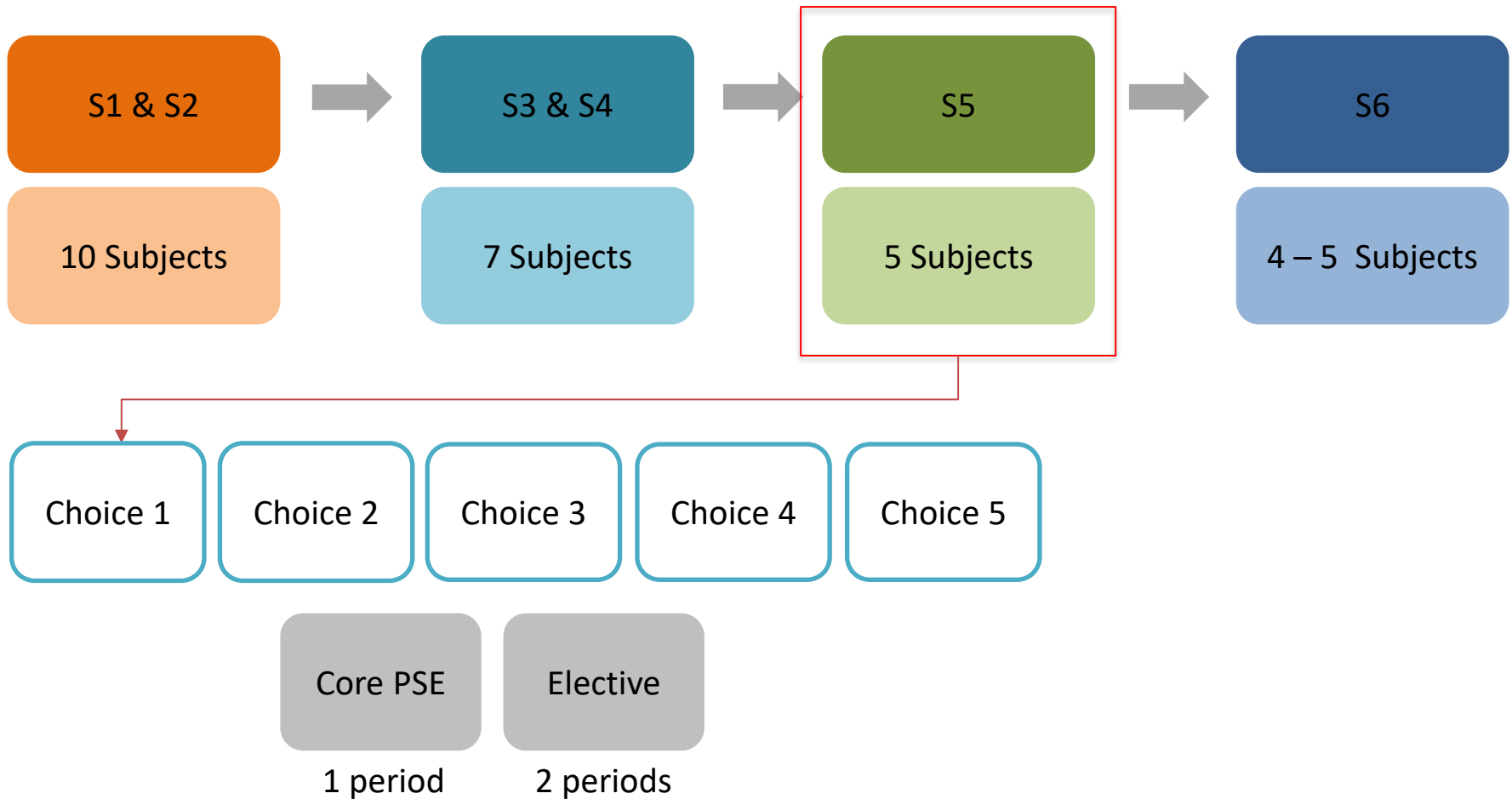
- Wholesale and retail trade
- Human health and social work
- Administrative and support services
- Transportation and storage
- Education

Renfrewshire employment areas:

- Leather manufacture
- Air transport
- Water transport
- Computer repair

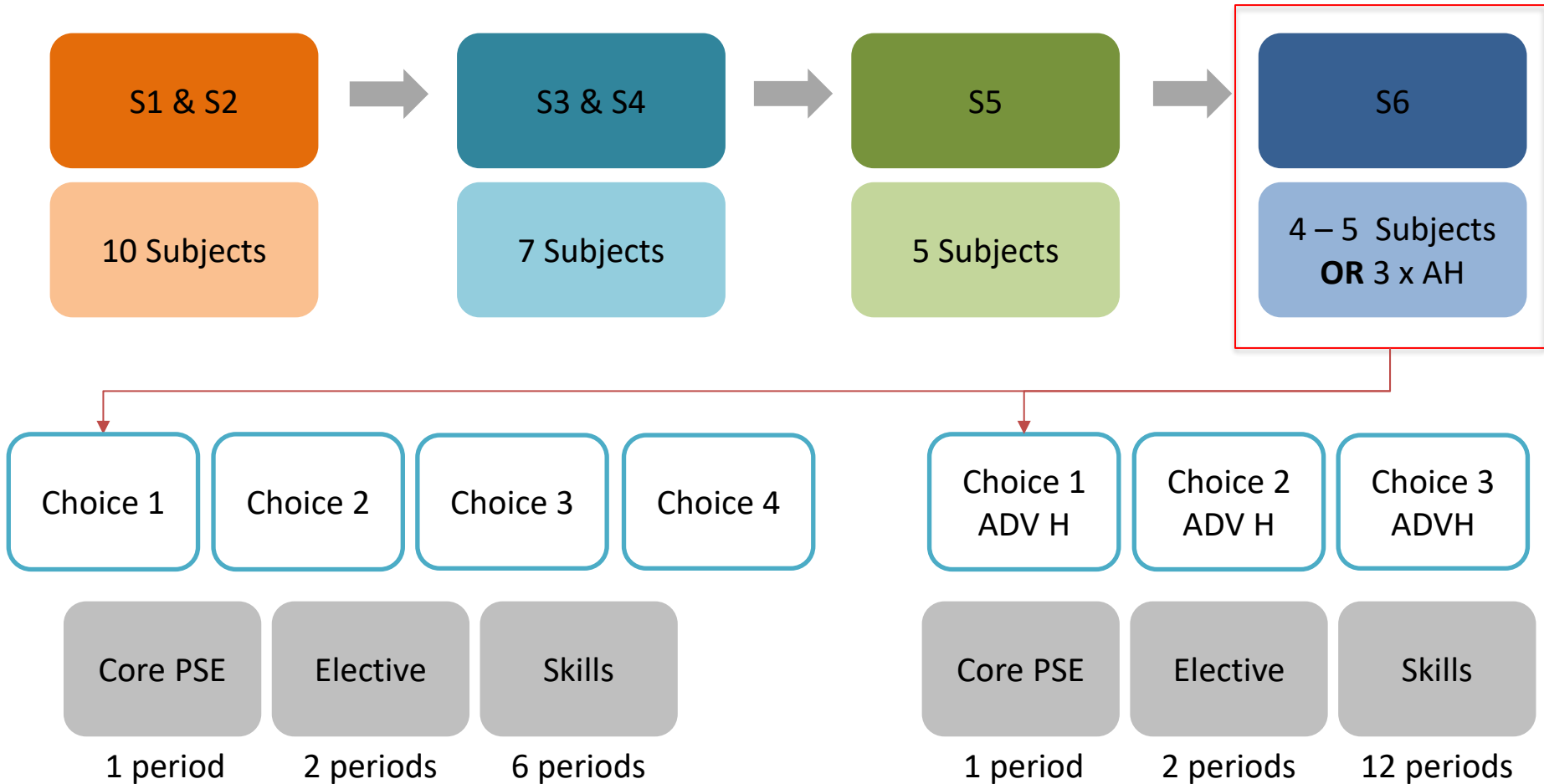


Curriculum structure – S5





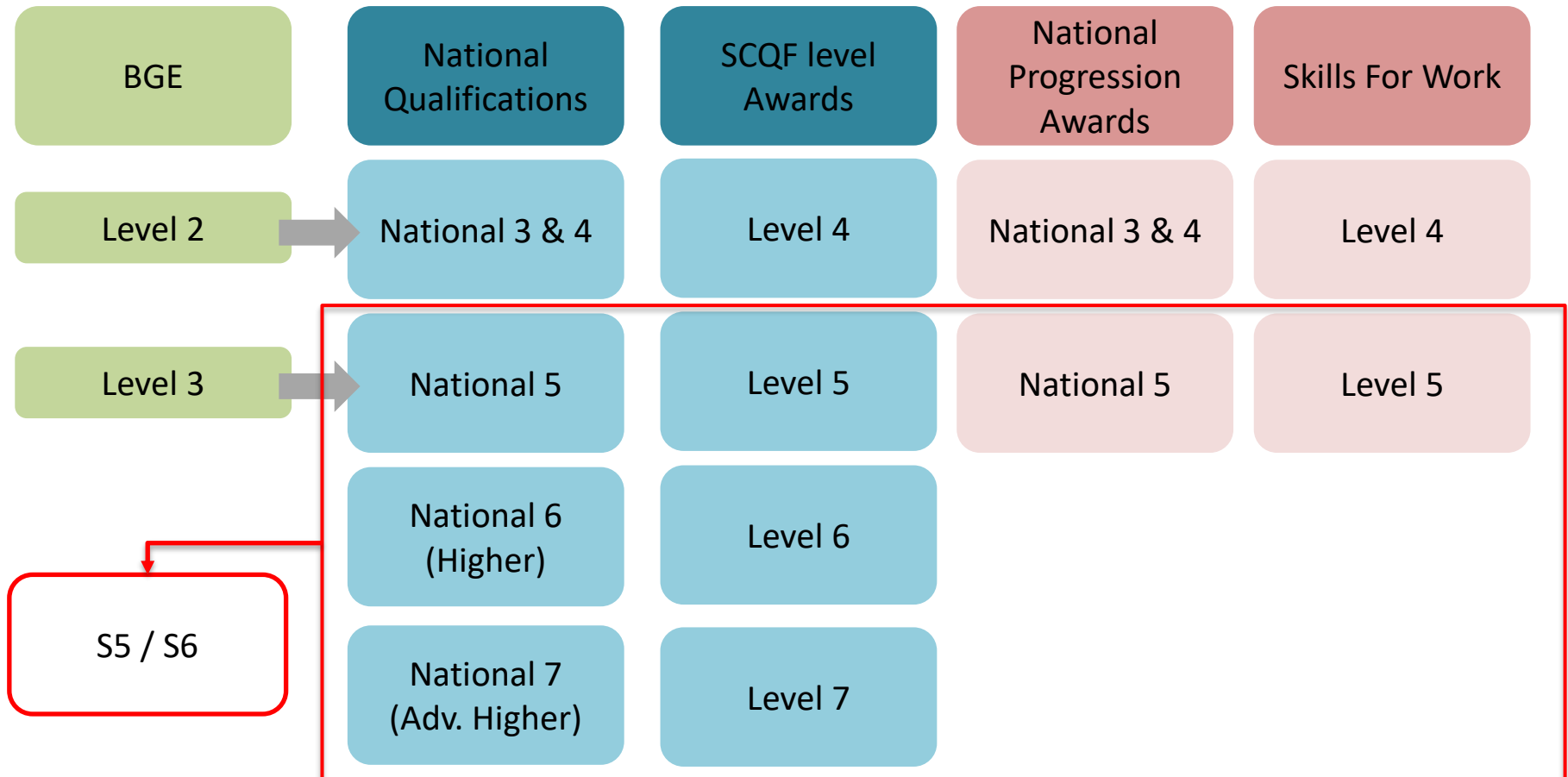
Curriculum structure – S6





S4/5 Courses & levels

Diverse and relevant Curriculum for all learners.





S5/6 Example pathways

S5 Pupil B

English H

Physics H

Music H

PE H

Maths H

Volunteering
Elective

S5 Pupil C

Lit Com Lvl 5

Graphic Com H

Photography H

Business H

College Course

Leisure P E
Elective

S6 Pupil D

English H

Computing H

Maths H

History H

French H

Modern Lan
Elective

S6 Pupil E

Lit Com Lvl 6

Computing H

Maths N5

Health Sector

Private Study

Leisure P E
Elective

S6 Pupil F

Adv H English

Adv H Physics

Adv H
Chemistry

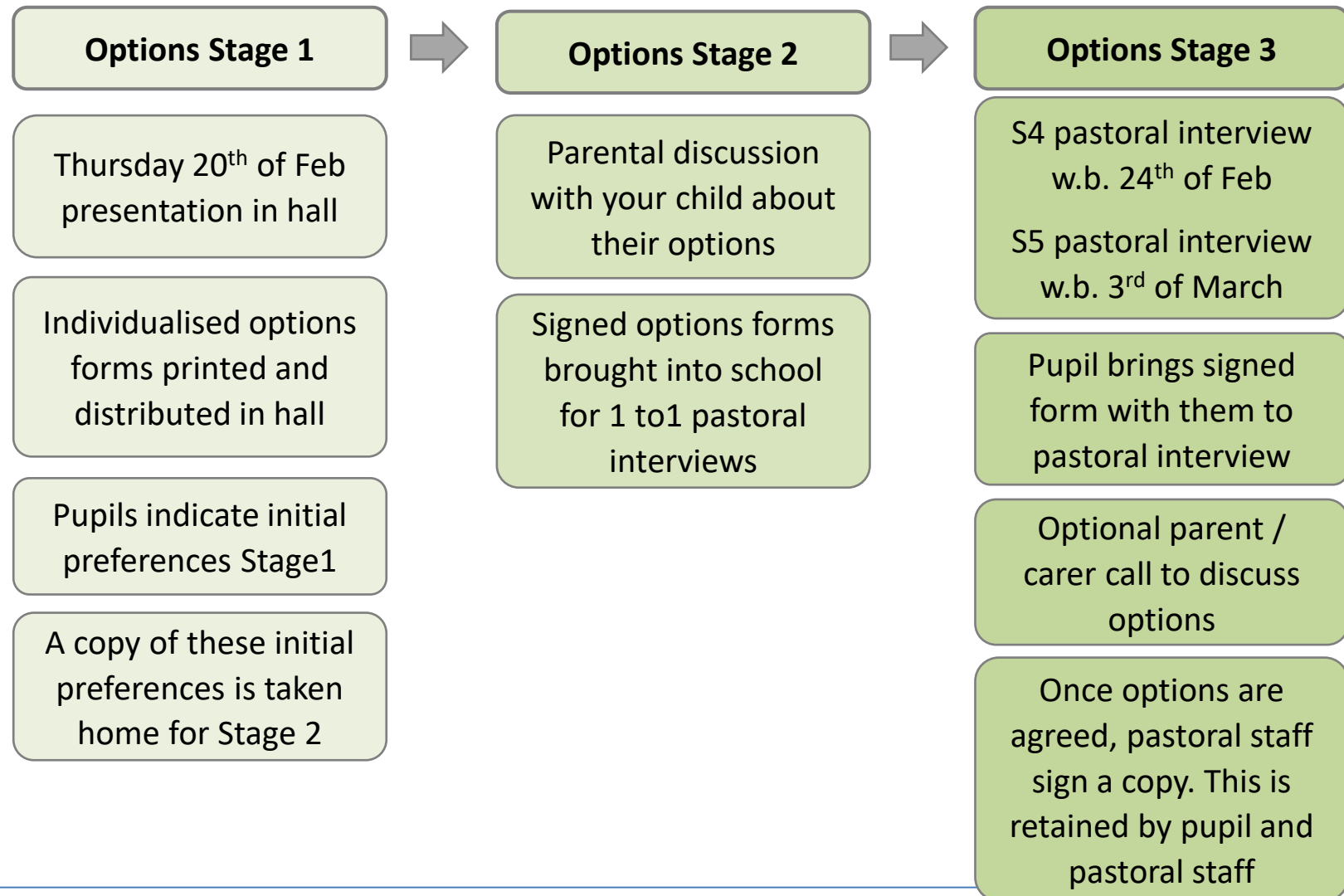
Private Study

Volunteering

STEM
Elective



S5/6 Options process





S5 Options form part 1

Pupil Name: Pupil A Registration Class: 4A1 Pastoral Teacher: Rainey, D.

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When choosing your subjects, you should be thinking about your career aspirations, and which subjects you are most likely to achieve in. These choices should be discussed at home with your Parent / Carer Stage 2. Then finalised with your Pastoral teacher Stage 3

If you would like a phone call, with your child's Pastoral teacher, to discuss their options please tick this box

Continual	Subject	Available	Recommended	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3
				Parent/Carer	Elective Choice	

Pupil Name: Pupil A **Registration Class:** 4A1 **Pastoral Teacher:** Rainey, D.

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Modern Languages	Spanish	NS / H	NS			
	German	NS / H	NS			
College	Please see available college courses over time.					

Guidance for Elective Classes:
Pupil Signature: _____ Parent / Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____



S5 Options form part 2

Pupil Name: Pupil A

Registration Class: 4A1 - Pastoral Teacher: Rainey, D.

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When choosing your 5 subjects you will table on the next page.

When choosing your 5 most likely to achieve with your Pastoral teacher.

If you would like a placeholder

Curricular Area	Subject
English	English
English	Literature & Communication
Maths	Mathematics
Maths	Application of Mathematics
Maths	Personal Finance
Art & Design	Art & Design
Art & Design	Photography
Art & Design	Creative Thinking
Music	Music
Health & Wellbeing	Practical Cake Craft
Health & Wellbeing	Hospitality
Health & Wellbeing	Physical Education
Health & Wellbeing	Sports Development
Sciences	Biology
Sciences	Chemistry
Sciences	Physics
Computing & Business	Administration & IT
Computing & Business	Business Studies
Computing & Business	Computing Science
Computing & Business	Retailing
Design & Technology	Graphic Design
Design & Technology	Product Design
Design & Technology	Textiles
Design & Technology	Woodwork
Humanities	History
Humanities	Modern History
Humanities	Psychology
Humanities	Religious Studies
Modern Languages	French
Modern Languages	Spanish
Modern Languages	German
College	

Guidance for Elective

Pupil Signature: _____



Curricular Area	Subject	Available levels of study	Recommended level of study	STAGE 1 Pupil Preference	STAGE 2 Parent Carer discussion	STAGE 3 Final Choice
English	English	N5 / H	NR	X	X	
	Literature & Communication	SCQF 5 or 6	6			X
Maths	Mathematics	N5 / H	NR	X		
	Application of Mathematics	N5 / H	5		X	X
	Personal Finance	SCQF Lvl 4 / 5	5			
Art & Design	Art & Design	N5 / H	6	X	X	X
	Photography	SCQF Lvl 4 / 5 / H	6			X
	Creative Thinking	SCQF Lvl 5 or 6	6			
Music	Music	N5 / H	6			
Health & Wellbeing	Practical Cake Craft	N5	NS	X		
	Hospitality	SCQF Lvl 5	NS			
	Physical Education	N5 / H	6	X	X	X
	Sports Development	SCQF Lvl 5 or 6	6			
Sciences	Biology	N5 / H	NS			
	Chemistry	N5 / H	NS			
	Physics	N5 / H	NS			
	Health Sector	N5	5			
Computing & Business	Administration & IT	N5 / H	5			
	Business Studies	N5 / H	6		X	
	Computing Science	N5 / H	5			
	Retailing	N5	5			



S5 Options form part 3

Guidance for Elective Classes:

In S5 and S6 pupils are required to select 1 class from the table below over two afternoons per week Tuesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday. This will provide opportunities for your child to enrich their time at school.

Elective Classes	
Leisure Physical Education	<input type="checkbox"/>
NPA Drawing Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wellness Art	<input type="checkbox"/>
British Sign Language	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conversational Languages (French / Spanish / Italian / German)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Guidance for College courses:

The table below shows the available college courses at West College Scotland over two afternoons per week Tuesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday. Transport to and from college will be provided. Please note that some college courses have limited spaces and therefore require pupils to take part in an interview, or in some cases, a basic aptitude test.

Please select a maximum of 2 college options from the list below.

College Course Subject	Level of study	Tue / Thur
Car Mechanics	SCQF Lvl 4	
Computer Games Development	SCQF Lvl 5	x
Introduction to Midwifery and Children's Nursing	SCQF Lvl 5	x
Skills for Work Early Learning and Childcare	SCQF Lvl 5	
Childcare and Development	SCQF Lvl 6	x
NPA Criminology	SCQF Lvl 5	
Skills for Work Engineering	SCQF Lvl 5	
Skills for Work Construction Crafts	SCQF Lvl 5	x
Social Media & Animation	SCQF Lvl 5	x
NPA Creative Beauty	SCQF Lvl 4	x
Begin Make-up Artistry	SCQF Lvl 4	
Skills for Work Hairdressing	SCQF Lvl 5	
NPA Professional Cookery	SCQF Lvl 4	
NPA Bakery	SCQF Lvl 4	
NQ Cabin Crew & Airport Operations	SCQF Lvl 5	

Further information on college courses and additional offerings can be found at <https://www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk/courses/schools-vocational-programme/>

Post -School Destination Support:

The information below is essential in allowing the school to make sure that your options are correct for you. Please try to complete the following table as accurately as possible. If you need help, please visit www.myworldofwork.co.uk website to help with your decision.

Career Aspiration:	
Destination (Please tick how you plan to meet your career aspiration)	
Employment <input type="checkbox"/>	Training Apprenticeship <input type="checkbox"/>
College <input type="checkbox"/>	Higher Education (University) <input type="checkbox"/>
Leaving Point (Please tick when you are planning to leave school)	
End of S4 <input type="checkbox"/>	Christmas S5 <input type="checkbox"/>
End of S5 <input type="checkbox"/>	End of S6 <input type="checkbox"/>

You should discuss your options with your Parent / Carer and bring this to the interview which takes place each week beginning

Pupil Signature: _____ Parent / Carer Signature: _____

Guidance for College courses:

The table below shows the available college courses at West College Scotland. All S5 College courses are delivered over two afternoons per week Tuesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday. Transport to and from college will **not** be provided and pupils are required to use public transport. Please note that some college courses have limited spaces and therefore require pupils to take part in an interview, or in some cases, a basic aptitude test.

Please select a maximum of 2 college options from the list below. These must be on different days.

College Course Subject	Level of study	Tue / Thur	Wed / Fri	STAGE 1 Pupil Preference	STAGE 2 Parent Carer discussion	STAGE 3 Final Choice
Car Mechanics	SCQF Lvl 4		x			
Computer Games Development	SCQF Lvl 5	x				
Introduction to Midwifery and Children's Nursing	SCQF Lvl 5	x				
Skills for Work Early Learning and Childcare	SCQF Lvl 5		x			
Childcare and Development	SCQF Lvl 6	x				
Psychology	SCQF Lvl 6	x	x			
NPA Criminology	SCQF Lvl 5		x			
Human Body Structure and Function (S6 Only)	SCQF Lvl 8	x				
Skills for Work Engineering	SCQF Lvl 5		x			

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Employment <input type="checkbox"/>	Training Apprenticeship <input type="checkbox"/>
College <input type="checkbox"/>	Higher Education (University) <input type="checkbox"/>
Leaving Point (Please tick when you are planning to leave school)	
End of S4 <input type="checkbox"/>	Christmas S5 <input type="checkbox"/>
End of S5 <input type="checkbox"/>	End of S6 <input type="checkbox"/>

<https://www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk/courses/schools-vocational-programme/>

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S6 Options form part 1

Pupil Name: A Pupil

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Instructions: The table over the page has your individualised codes:

National 5 or SCQF level 5 = 5 / Higher or SCQF level 6 = 6 / Studied in S5 = . This has been taken from information f

You now need to complete the "Pupil Preference" column v Stage 1. In addition, you need to select 1 subject from the S on the next page.

You may only choose 3 subjects if they are all at Advanced l from the Skills section and 1 subject from the Elective Class

if you wish to study an Advanced Higher subject which is no request section and we will investigate the possibility of th school via consortia.

Please note that consortia Advanced Higher subjects can considered as a "fall back" if consortia schools are unable

When choosing your subjects, you should be thinking about most likely to achieve in. These choices should be discuss with your pastoral teacher stage 5.

If you would like a phone call, with your child's Pastoral te

Pupil Name: A Pupil

Registration Class: 5A1

Pastoral Teacher: Mr Rainey

Instructions: The table over the page has your individualised recommended level of study in S5 using the following codes:

National 5 or SCQF level 5 = 5 / Higher or SCQF level 6 = 6 / Adv H or SCQF level 7 / Not recommended = **NR** / Not studied in S5 = . This has been taken from information from departments.

You now need to complete the "Pupil Preference" column with a minimum of **4 subjects** you wish to study in S6 Stage 1. In addition, you need to select 1 subject from the Skills section and 1 subject from the Elective Classes table on the next page.

You may only choose 3 subjects if they are all at Advanced Higher level. In addition, you need to select 1 subject from the Skills section and 1 subject from the Elective Classes table on the next page.

If you wish to study an Advanced Higher subject which is not offered below please note this in the Advanced Higher request section and we will investigate the possibility of this being delivered at another Renfrewshire secondary school via consortia.

Please note that consortia Advanced Higher subjects cannot be guaranteed, and another subject should be considered as a "fall back" if consortia schools are unable to facilitate this.

When choosing your subjects, you should be thinking about your career aspirations, and which subjects you are most likely to achieve in. These choices should be discussed at home with your Parent / Carer Stage 2. Then finalised with your Pastoral teacher Stage 3.

If you would like a phone call, with your child's Pastoral teacher, to discuss their options please tick this box

Pupil Signature: _____ Parent / Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____



S6 Options form part 2



Curricular Area	Subject	Available levels of study	Recommended level of study	STAGE 1 Pupil Preference	STAGE 2 Parent Carer discussion	STAGE 3 Final Choice
English	English	N5 / H / Adv H	6	X	X	X
	Literature & Communication	SCQF 5 / 6	6			
Maths	Mathematics	N5 / H / Adv H	6		X	X
	Application of Mathematics	N5 / H	5	X		
Art & Design	Art & Design	N5 / H / Adv H	NS	X	X	
	Photography	SCQF Lvl 4 / 5 / H	NS			
	Creative Thinking	SCQF Lvl 5 or 6	NS			
Music	Music	N5 / H / Adv H	NR	X		
	Practical Cake Craft	N5	5			
Health & Wellbeing	Hospitality	SCQF Lvl 5	5			
	Physical Education	N4 / N5 / H	NR			
	Sports Development	SCQF Lvl 5 or 6	6			X
	SFA Refereeing	SCQF Lvl 7	7			
Sciences	Biology	N5 / H / Adv H	6			
	Chemistry	N5 / H / Adv H	7		X	X
	Physics	N5 / H / Adv H	6			

Curricular Area	Subject	Available levels of study	Recommended level of study	STAGE 1 Pupil Preference
English	English	N5 / H / Adv H	6	1
	Literature & Communication	SCQF 5 / 6	6	2
Maths	Mathematics	N5 / H / Adv H	6	
	Application of Mathematics	N5 / H	5	
Art & Design	Art & Design	N5 / H / Adv H	NS	
	Photography	SCQF Lvl 4 / 5 / H	NS	
	Creative Thinking	SCQF Lvl 5 or 6	NS	
Music	Music	N5 / H / Adv H	NR	
	Practical Cake Craft	N5	5	
Health & Wellbeing	Hospitality	SCQF Lvl 5	5	
	Physical Education	N4 / N5 / H	NR	
	Sports Development	SCQF Lvl 5 or 6	6	3
	SFA Refereeing	SCQF Lvl 7	7	
Sciences	Biology	N5 / H / Adv H	6	4
	Chemistry	N5 / H / Adv H	7	
	Physics	N5 / H / Adv H	6	

* If choosing 4 subjects you must select 1 subject from the options below *						
Skills	In School Volunteering	Lvl 5	N/A	X		
	Private Study	N/A	N/A		X	X
	Work Experience	N/A	N/A			
Advanced Higher Request						
College		Please see available college courses over page.				

* If choosing 4 subjects you must select 1 subject from the options below *

In School Volunteering	Lvl 5	N/A	X
Private Study	N/A	N/A	
Work Experience	N/A	N/A	

Advanced Higher Request

College Please see available college courses over page.

Pupil Signature: _____ Parent / Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____



Options booklet

Will be available on the school website

Breakdown of all available courses

- Course outline
- Pupil eligibility
- Qualification breakdown
- Course assessment
- Opportunities after successful completion

CHEMISTRY – National 5	
<p>COURSE OUTLINE</p> <p>The aims of the N4 and N5 courses are to develop learners' curiosity, interest and enthusiasm for chemistry in a range of contexts. The relevance of chemistry is highlighted by the study of the applications of chemistry in everyday contexts. This will enable learners to become scientifically literate citizens who are able to review the science-based claims they will meet.</p> <p>Learning and teaching within a class will be organised to allow a range of learners' needs to be met. A wide variety of resources and approaches to learning will be used to support each child's learning. These will include practical activities and investigations, use of ICT, and group working.</p> <p>The courses give opportunities for learners to develop the ability to think analytically, creatively and independently, and to make reasoned evaluations. The key skills of scientific inquiry and investigation are integrated and developed throughout the course.</p> <p>PUPIL ELIGIBILITY</p> <p>Pupils should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieved Level 3 Science in S2 • Demonstrated an enthusiasm for Science <p>QUALIFICATION BREAKDOWN</p> <p>Unit 1: Chemical Changes and Structure</p> <p>In this Unit, learners will develop scientific skills and knowledge of the chemical reactions in our world. Through practical experience, learners will investigate the rates of reaction and the chemistry of neutralisation reactions. The connection between atoms, bonding and chemical properties of materials is investigated, and pupils will learn how to write chemical formulae and perform mole calculations.</p> <p>Unit 2: Nature's Chemistry</p> <p>The Earth has a rich supply of natural resources which are used by all of us. In this Unit, learners will investigate the physical and chemical properties of many carbon based compounds. They will explore their chemical reactions and their</p>	<p>uses in everyday consumer products. Learners will investigate the energy produced on burning different fuels.</p> <p>Unit 3: Chemistry in Society</p> <p>In this Unit, learners will develop skills and carry out practical investigations related to the chemistry of materials. Learners will focus on the chemistry of metals and their bonding, reactions and uses. The connection between bonding in plastics, their physical properties and their uses is investigated. Learners will investigate the chemical reactions and processes used to manufacture many industrially important chemicals.</p> <p>COURSE ASSESSMENT</p> <p>National 4:</p> <p>Each unit will be assessed. Added value unit will be assessed. Assessments will take place internally and then be verified by the SQA. Assessments will be pass or fail.</p> <p>N4 Chemistry does not have an external exam. However, learners must pass all assessments to gain a course award.</p> <p>National 5:</p> <p>Assignment: Pupils will complete an assignment worth 20% of final exam in school but it will be sent to the SQA for marking. - 100 marks</p> <p>Examination: N5 Chemistry has an external exam set and marked by SQA. - 20 marks</p> <p>WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ME WHEN I FINISH?</p> <p>You might go on to do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Biology • A vocational course related to Science • Health Sector Science



Important points

Free choice model

Please be aware that pupils' options are not guaranteed

Courses / subjects can only run if we have:

- sufficient pupils selecting a course
- sufficient staffing to run courses
- sufficient space within the school

Some Advanced Higher courses are only available via Consortia and these courses are not guaranteed.



Final thoughts

- Please discuss with your young person their options
 - Don't pick an option because of friends or teachers
 - Think about what a young person likes or wants to do when they leave
 - What are they most likely to achieve in?
 - Alternatives if a young person can't get their first choice
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Sources of information

- www.johnstonehigh.co.uk – everything you need to know about JHS
 - www.parentforumsScotland.org.uk – general website for parents in Scotland
 - www.myworldofwork.co.uk - SDS website with career planning tools and information
 - <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/parents/topics> - Direct access to parent section, it contains links to info specific for S1 parents/ S2-3 re options / S4-6 re destinations
 - www.apprenticeship.scot – more on apprenticeships which have changed significantly from those 15+ years ago
 - www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk – West College Scotland website)
 - www.ucas.com/ - University entry system
 - www.ukcat.ac.uk/ - all about the mandatory test for medicine/dentistry
 - www.lnat.ac.uk/ - all about the mandatory test for entry for law
 - www.unistats.com/ - Statistics and information to compare Universities and courses
 - www.hecsu.ac.uk/ - Information on what graduates go on to do with their degrees
 - www.saas.gov.uk/ - SASS (uni and college) funding website
 - <https://erasmusplus.org.uk/> - info on studying abroad
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Feedback & Questions

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