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**JOHNSTONE
HIGH SCHOOL**

DETERMINATION • KINDNESS • RESPECT

Options Information 2026/27

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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Qualification Changes

Changes to SQA

- “SQA is becoming Qualifications Scotland, Scotland’s new national awarding body.”
- “The qualifications you’re working towards and those you’ve already achieved remain trusted and recognised, delivered by a new organisation created to better support learners and partners.”



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 (SDS Team)
 - Ms Wilkie PT DYW
 - Revised options process
 - Revised options booklet for 2026_27
 - 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....

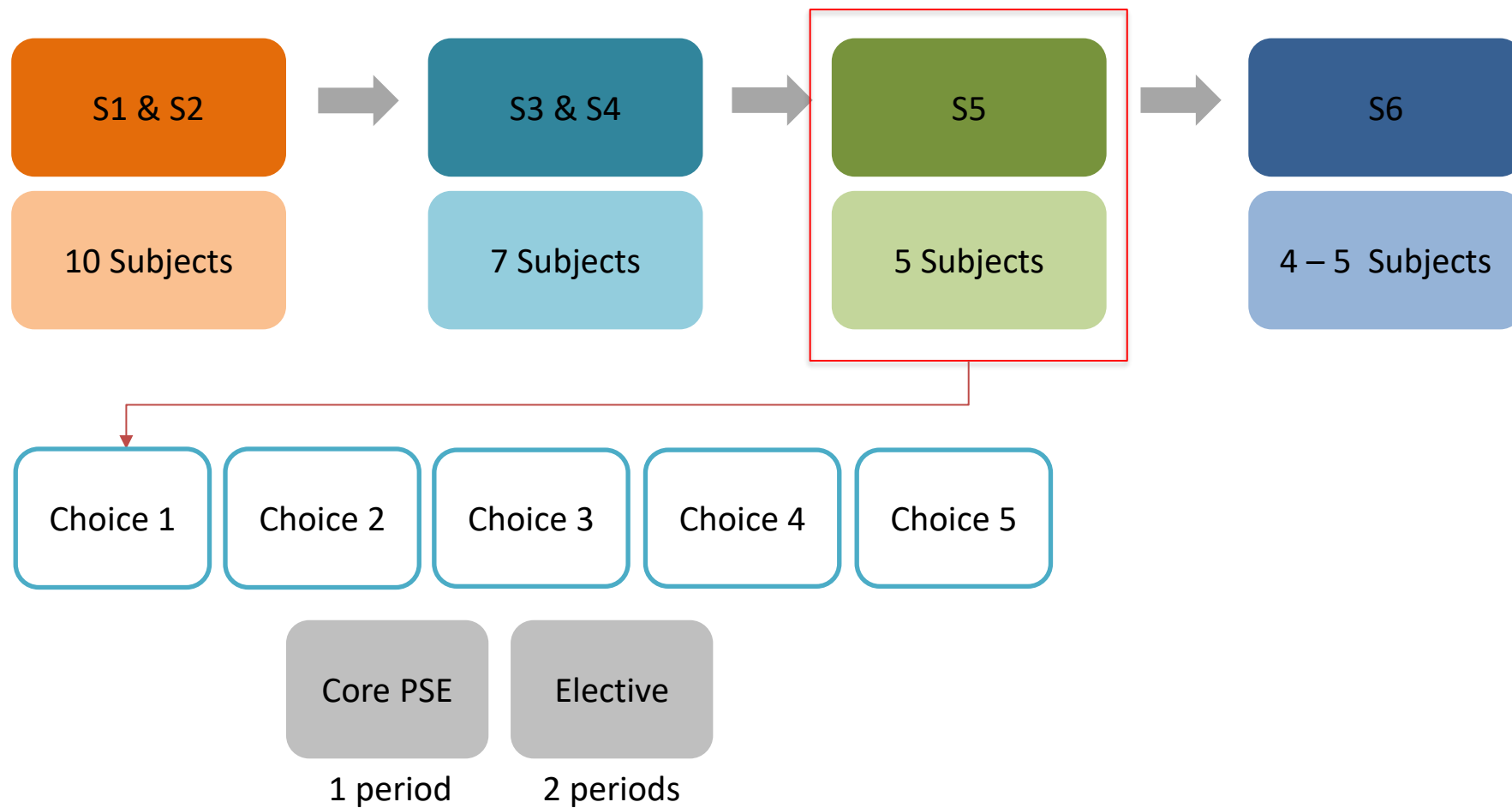
West region growth areas:

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

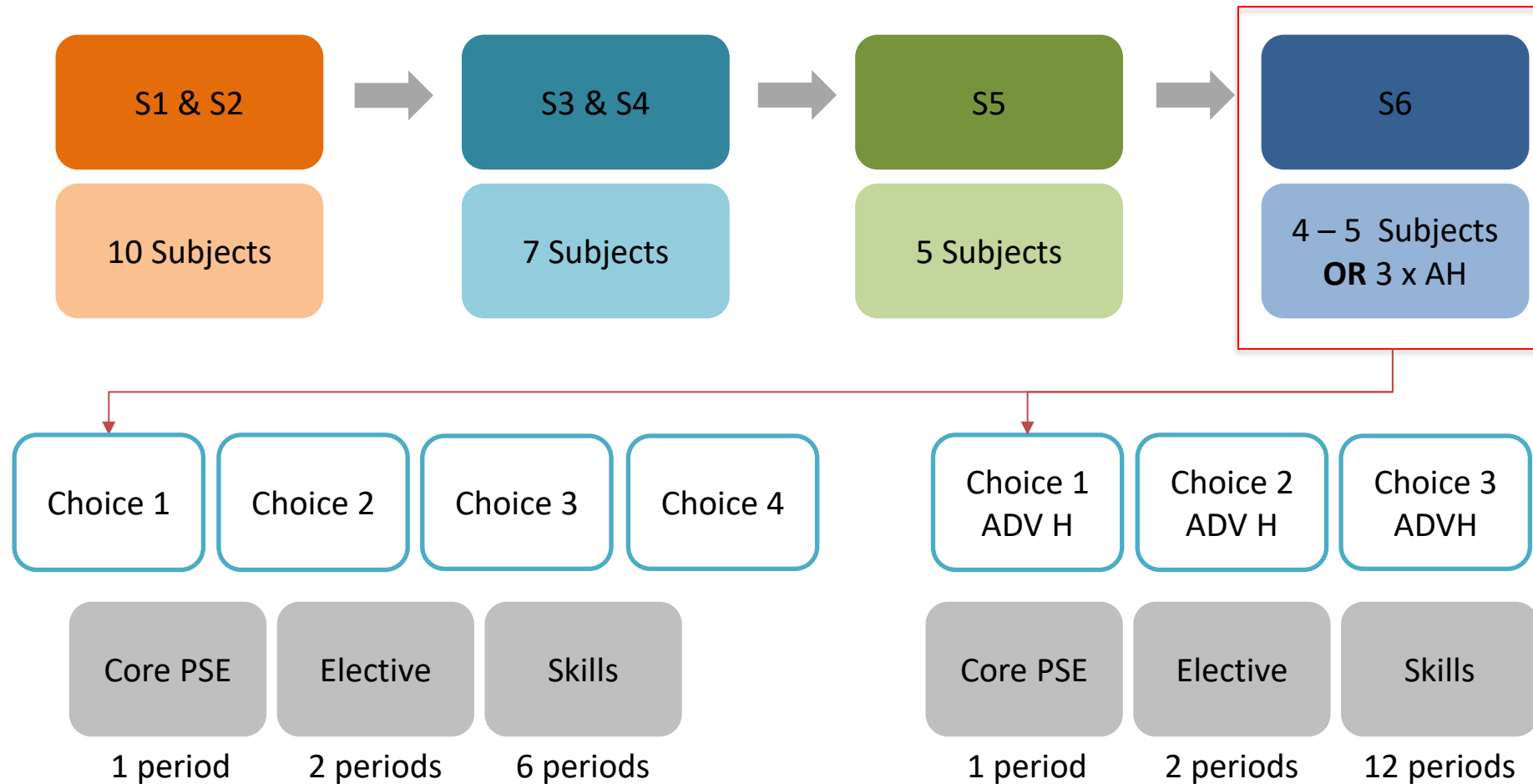
Renfrewshire employment areas:

- Leather manufacture
 - Air transport
 - Water transport
 - Computer repair
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Curriculum Structure – S5



Curriculum Structure – S6

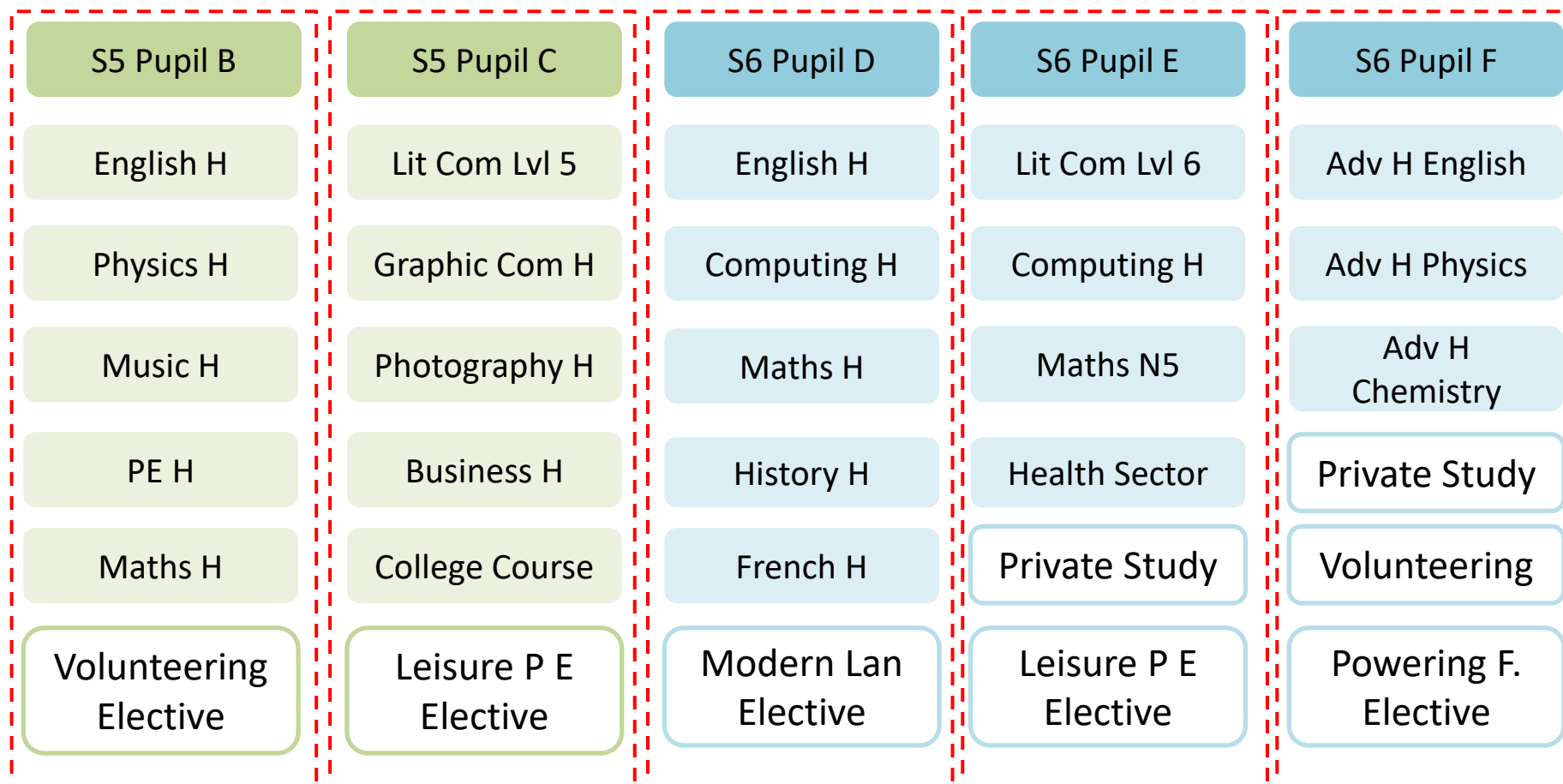


S5/6 Courses & levels

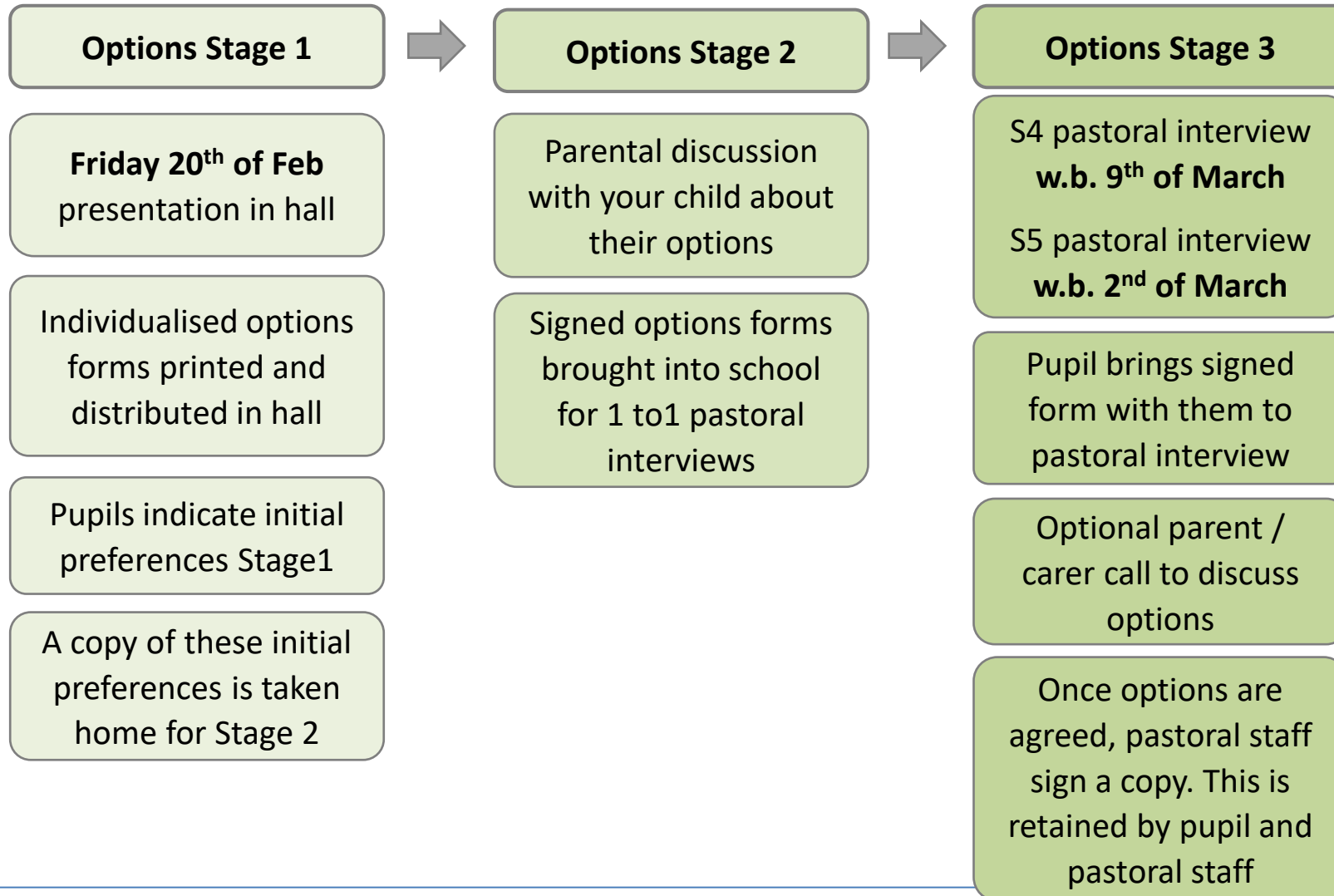
Diverse and Relevant Curriculum for all learners.



S5/6 Example Pathways



S5/6 Options process



S5 Options form part 1

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

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

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This has been taken from information from departments. You now need to complete the "Pupil Preference" column with **5 subjects** you wish to study in S5 Stage 1. In addition, you need to select 1 subject from the Elective Classes table on the next page.

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).

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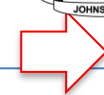
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Pupil Signature: _____

Parent / Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____

S5 Options form part 2



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Pupil Name: Pupil

Instructions: The

Bespoke Pathway

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If you would like:

Curricular Area

English

Maths

Art & Design

Music

Health & Wellbeing

Sciences

Computing & Business

Design & Technology

Humanities

Modern Languages

College

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 Request
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			
	Computing Science	N5 / H	5		X	
	Retailing	N5	5			
Design & Technology	Graphic Communication	N5 / H	5			
	Practical Metalwork	N5	5			
	Silversmithing & Jewellery	SCQF Lvl 5	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. These classes are delivered across 2 periods a week and will provide opportunities for your child to enrich their time in S5 and S6.

Elective Class
Elective 1: Leisure Physical Education
Elective 2: NPA Drawing Skills
Elective 3: Powering Futures
Elective 4: Conversational Languages (French /Spanish / Italian / German)
Elective 6: Volunteering (in school)

Guidance for College courses: The table below shows the available college courses. College courses are delivered over two afternoons per week. Transport to and from college will **not** be provided and pupils on some college courses have limited spaces and therefore require a basic aptitude test.

You should discuss your options with your Parent / Carer at an individual pastoral interview which takes place on 15th October 2024.

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

College Course Subject	Level of study	Tu /Th
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
Psychology	SCQF Lvl 6	x
NPA Criminology	SCQF Lvl 5	
Human Body Structure and Function (S6 Only)	SCQF Lvl 8	x
Skills for Work Engineering	SCQF Lvl 5	
Skills for Work Construction Crafts	SCQF Lvl 5	
Social Media & Animation	SCQF Lvl 5	
Dance	SCQF Lvl 6	
NPA Beauty & Hairstyling	SCQF Lvl 4	
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 is available 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.

Career Aspiration:	
Destination (Please tick how you plan to meet your career aspiration)	
Employment <input type="checkbox"/>	Training Apprenticeship <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"/>

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Elective Classes	
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Elective 2: NPA Drawing Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elective 3: Powering Futures	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elective 4: Conversational Languages (French /Spanish / Italian / German)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elective 6: Volunteering (in school)	<input type="checkbox"/>

College Course Subject	Level of study	Tu /Th	Preference	discussion
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"/>

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S6 Options form part 1

Pupil Name: A Pupil

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 / Best Higher or SCQF level 6 in a curricular area = 6* / Adv Higher or SCQF level 7 = 7 / Not recommended = NR / Not studied previously = NS

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 Name: Pupil A Registration Class: 5A1 Pastoral Teacher: Rainey, D.

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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.

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Parent / Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____

S6 Options form part 2



				STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3					
Curricular Area	Subject	Available levels of study	Recommended level of study	Curricular Area	Subject	Available levels of study	Recommended level of study	STAGE 1 Pupil Preference	STAGE 2 Parent Carer discussion	STAGE 3 Final Request	
English	English	N5 / H / Adv H	6	English	English	N5 / H / Adv H	6	X	X	X	
	Literature & Communication	SCQF 5 / 6	6		Literature & Communication	SCQF 5 / 6	6				
Maths	Mathematics	N5 / H / Adv H	6	Maths	Application of Mathematics	N5 / H	5	X			
	Personal Finance	SCQF Lvl 4 / 5	5		Personal Finance	SCQF Lvl 4 / 5	5				
Art & Design	Art & Design	N5 / H / Adv H	N	Art & Design	Art & Design	N5 / H / Adv H	NS	X			
	Photography	SCQF Lvl 4 / 5 / H	N		Photography	SCQF Lvl 4 / 5 / H	NS				
Music	Creative Thinking	SCQF Lvl 5 or 6	N	Music	Creative Thinking	SCQF Lvl 5 or 6	NS				
	Music	N5 / H / Adv H	N		Music	Music	N5 / H / Adv H	NR	X	X	
Health & Wellbeing	Practical Cake Craft	N5	5	Health & Wellbeing	Practical Cake Craft	N5	5				
	Hospitality	SCQF Lvl 5	5		Hospitality	SCQF Lvl 5	5				
	Physical Education	N4 / N5 / H	N		Physical Education	N4 / N5 / H	NR				
	Sports Development	SCQF Lvl 5 or 6	6		Sports Development	SCQF Lvl 5 or 6	6			X	
Sciences	SFA Refereeing	SCQF Lvl 7	N	Sciences	SFA Refereeing	SCQF Lvl 7	N7				
	Biology	N5 / H / Adv H	6		Biology	N5 / H / Adv H	6				
	Chemistry	N5 / H / Adv H	7		Chemistry	N5 / H / Adv H	7		X	X	
Computing & Business	Physics	N5 / H / Adv H	6	Health & Wellbeing	Physics	N5 / H / Adv H	6				
	Health Sector	N5	5		Practical Cake Craft	N5	5				
	Administration & IT	N5 / H	N		Hospitality	SCQF Lvl 5	5				
	Business Studies	N5 / H	N		Physical Education	N4 / N5 / H	NR				
	Computing Science	N5 / H	7		Sports Development	SCQF Lvl 5 or 6	6				
	Retailing	N5	N		SFA Refereeing	SCQF Lvl 7	N7				
	Design & Technology	Design & Manufacture	N5 / H		6	Sciences	Biology	N5 / H / Adv H	6		
Humanities	Graphic Communication	N5 / H / Adv H	6	Advanced Higher Request	Chemistry	N5 / H / Adv H	7		X	X	
	Practical Metalwork	N5	N		Physics	N5 / H / Adv H	6				
	Silversmithing & Jewellery	SCQF Lvl 5	5								
	Construction Skills	SCQF Lvl 5	N								
Modern Languages	Geography	N5 / H	6								
	History	N5 / H / Adv H	6								
	Modern Studies	N5 / H	6								
	Psychology	N5 / H	6								
Skills	RMPS	N5 / H	6								
	Scottish Studies	SCQF Lvl 5 or 6	N								
	French	N5 / H	N								
	Spanish	N5 / H	N								
Advanced Higher Request	German	N5 / H	5								
	* If choosing 4 subjects you must select:										
	In School Volunteering	Lvl 5	N/								
College	Private Study	N/A	N/A								
	Work Experience	N/A	N/A								
College				Please see available college courses over page.							

S6 Options form part 3

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Elective 3: Powering Futures STEM
Elective 4: Conversational Languages (French /Spanish / Italian / German)
Elective 5: Volunteering

Guidance for College courses: The table below shows the available 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.

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
Psychology	SCQF Lvl 6	x
NPA Criminology	SCQF Lvl 5	
Human Body Structure and Function (S6 Only)	SCQF Lvl 8	x
Skills for Work Engineering	SCQF Lvl 5	
Skills for Work Construction Crafts	SCQF Lvl 5	x
Social Media & Animation	SCQF Lvl 5	x
Dance	SCQF Lvl 6	
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NPA Bakery	SCQF Lvl 4	
NQ Cabin Crew & Airport Operations	SCQF Lvl 5	

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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"/>

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.

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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				
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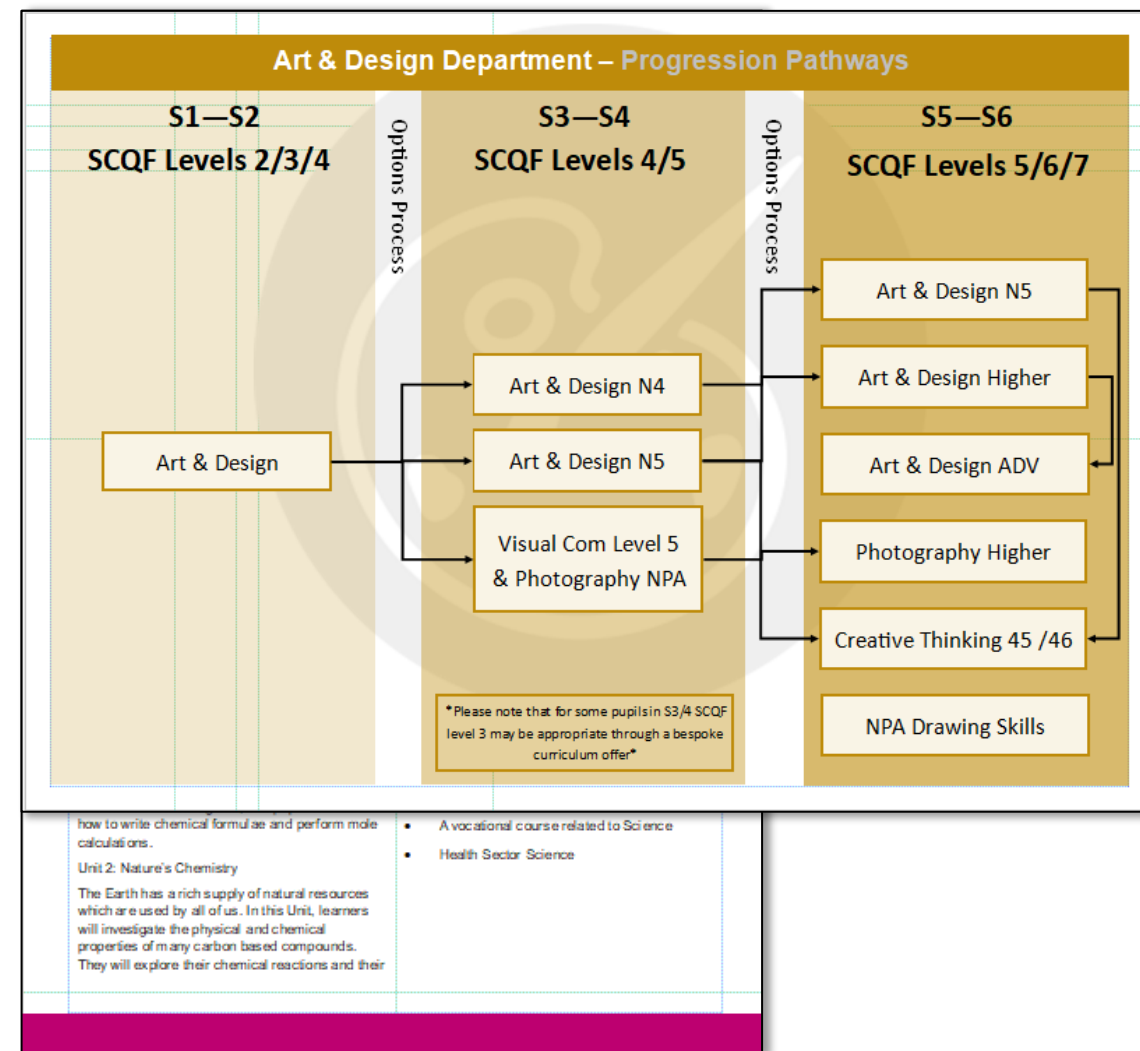
Pupil Signature: _____ Parent / Carer Signature: _____

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
- Curriculum or Faculty Visual Pathway



Important points

Free choice model

Please be aware that pupils' options requests 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
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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.parentforumsotland.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.westcollegesotland.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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feedback

