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# Senior phase options information

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# Overview

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# S5/6 Curriculum Overview

- All returning S5/6 pupils will be expected to study five subjects. Within the curriculum, there is the opportunity for subjects to be studied at the next level and there is also breadth within the curriculum.
- Pupil's will be given their option form with the recommended choices from tracking and monitoring. Any changes to this will be discussed at the parental option meeting.
- The school partners with Ayrshire College to offer a wide selection of courses that pupils can study whilst remaining at school. The list is at the back of the options booklet, with more information available on the website. Individual applications have to be completed for the College courses. This will be discussed at the parental options meeting.
- There are a wide range of courses available, however, due to numbers some of the courses may not run. If this is the case then this will be discussed with the pupil.
- Advanced Highers are available though this may involve travelling to another school and/or virtual learning.

## Senior Phase – S5/6 Option Choice Form

Session 2022 -23

Pupil Name \_\_\_\_\_ Reg \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Interview \_\_\_\_\_ Career Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Core subjects which every pupil will continue to study:

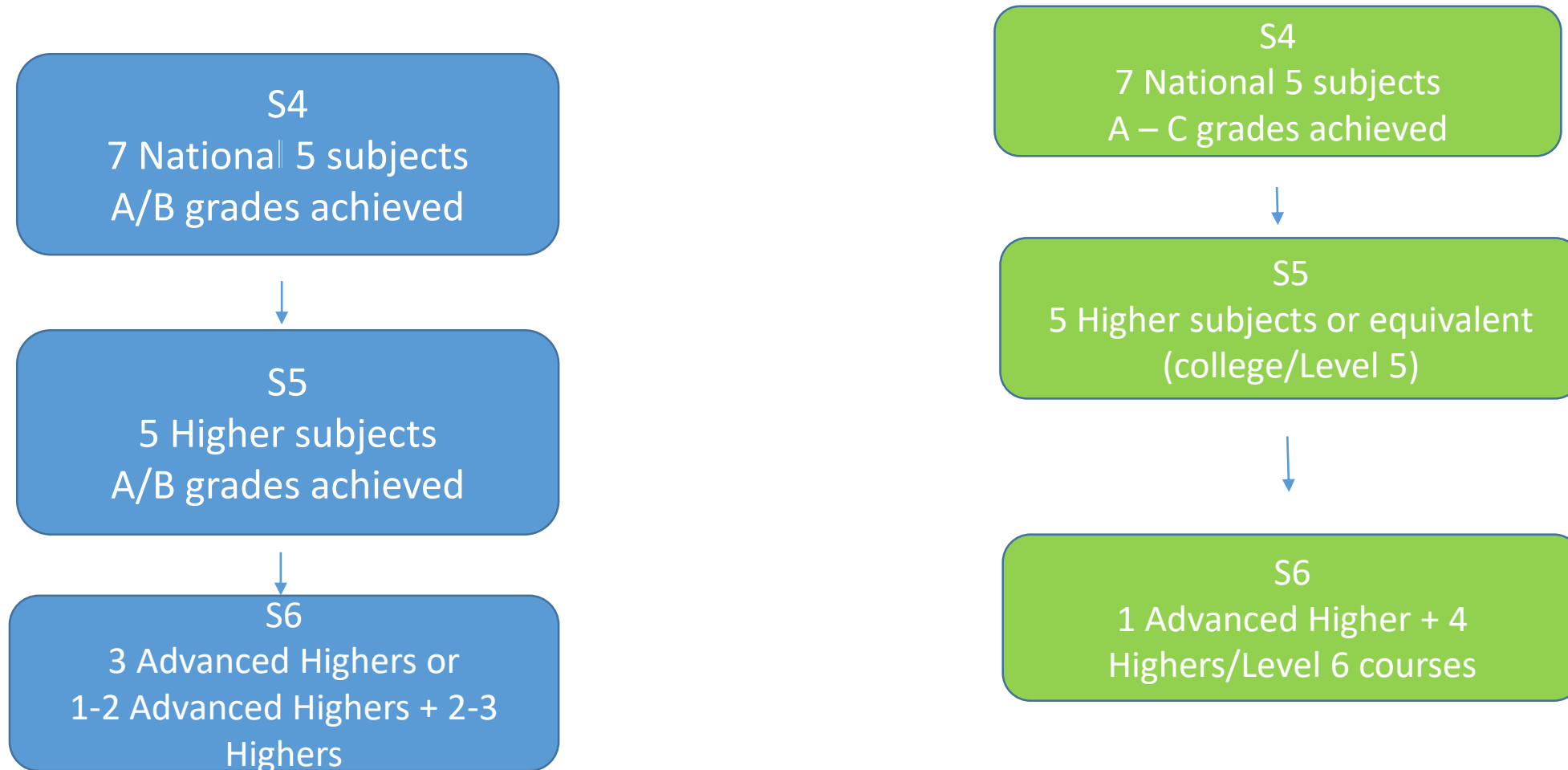
Personal and Social Education (1 period)	Physical Education – Performance NQ (1 period)
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When completing your choices below, you must carefully consider the advice you are given at interview. This advice is based on evidence of **specific strengths and potential progression attainment in your Senior Phase** and has been provided by all of your teachers. Pupils should choose **ONE** subject from each of the following columns:

Column A – 6 periods	Column B – 6 periods	Column C*– 6 periods	Column D – 6 periods	Column E – 6 periods**
Human Biology Biology Chemistry Design English Woodwork Graphics History Photography Practical Cookery	Business Management Geography History Maths Modern Studies Music Technology RMPS Sociology Environmental Science	Application of Maths Art Childcare & development Criminology with forensics Geography Maths Music Practical electronics Practical Cookery Practical Cake craft Spanish College courses	Administration & IT N5/H Art Biology Computing Design English Human Biology Lab skills with Forensics PE Physics Sociology Sports Leader	Business & IT Chemistry Dance Excellence in Sports First aid, leadership & well being Games Development Graphics Music PE Photography Travel & Tourism College courses
Choice _____	Choice _____	Choice _____	Choice _____	Choice _____
Level	Level	Level	Level	Level



# Progression pathways





# Progression pathways

S4  
5 National 5 courses + 2  
National 4 courses



S5  
3 Higher subjects + 2 National  
5 courses or Foundation  
apprenticeship



S6  
3 Highers + continuation of FA  
DYW options

S4  
7 National 4 subjects  
DYW options



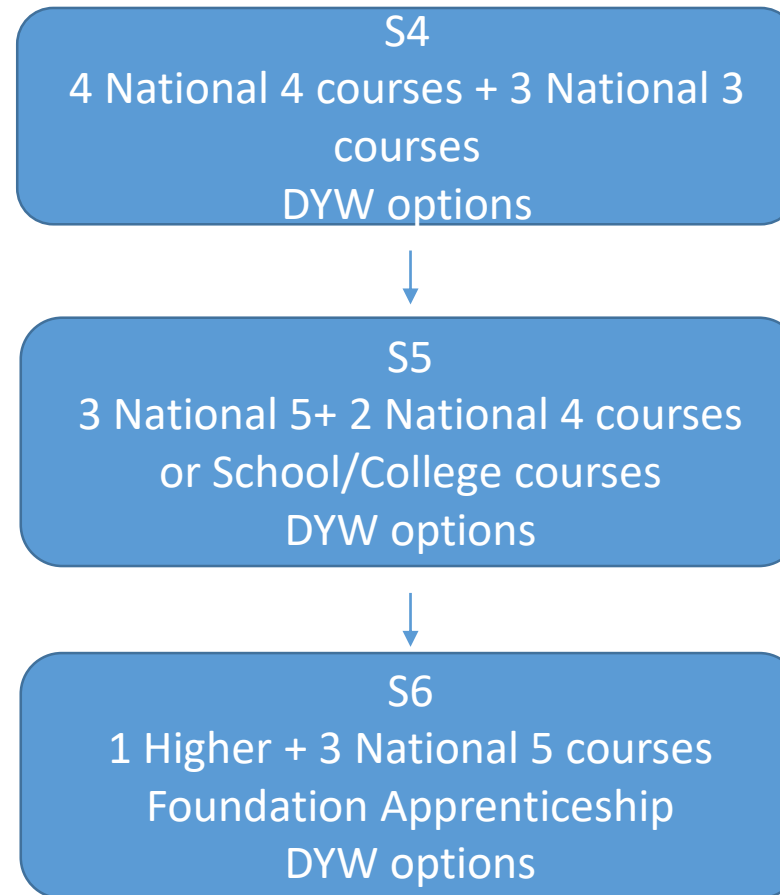
S5  
5 National 5 subjects or  
equivalent (college/Level 5)  
DYW options



S6  
1-2 Highers + 1-2 National 5  
courses or Foundation  
Apprenticeship/School-College  
courses



# Progression pathways



# Scottish Credit & Qualifications Framework (SCQF)

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9		Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma	Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate	Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher			Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5			Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award	SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3			
2	National 2, Awards			
1	National 1, Awards			





**SCHOOL-COLLEGE**

**PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION**

# The role of the Careers Adviser in school



# Career Management Skills

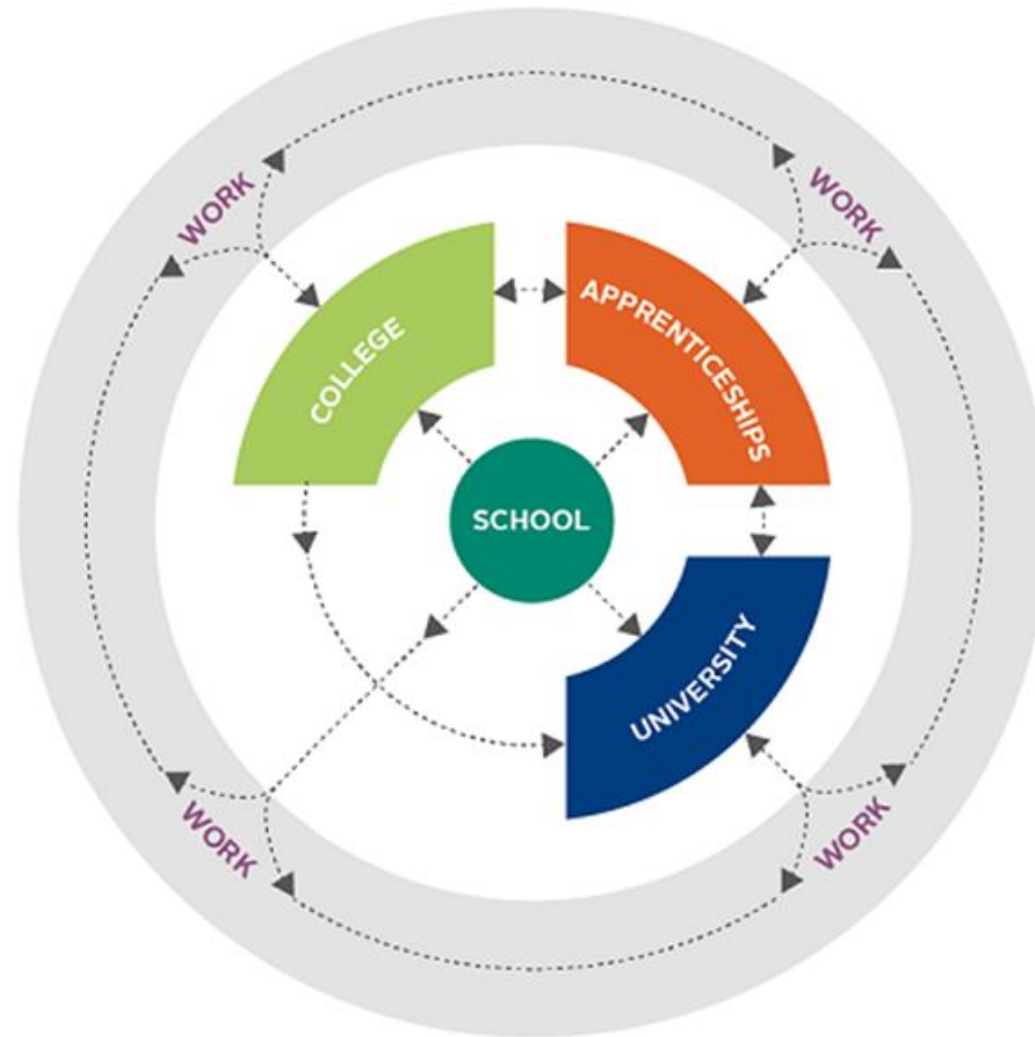
These are the skills you need to make your career a success.

Your SDS Careers Adviser is just one of the people who can help you develop these skills.

Some of them you'll have already – just by being you!



# Career Paths



# Support for Option Choices

- Option Choice tool on [www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk)
- 1:1 appointments available for any pupils wishing additional support (parents / carers can attend)
- Ongoing support from: Fiona Callan, [fiona.callan@sds.co.uk](mailto:fiona.callan@sds.co.uk)

# School Website

www.irvineroyal.co.uk



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- Transitions – options process

The screenshot shows a website page with a dark header area containing the text "P7 / S1 WELCOME VIDEOS" in white and yellow. Below the header is a navigation menu with a dark blue bar labeled "IN THIS SECTION" and a red bar labeled "TRANSITION". Under "TRANSITION", there are two links: "TRANSITION FROM P7" and "OPTION PROCESS". To the right of the menu is a breadcrumb trail: "HOME > TRANSITION > P7/S1 WELCOME VIDEOS". Below the breadcrumb trail is a large heading "P7 Welcome Videos".



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**Irvine Royal Subject Options  
booklet 2022-23**

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# Next steps...

- Week beginning 13 Nov 23 – mock options open
- Fri 01 Dec – mock options close
- Week beginning 04 Dec – tracking reports issued
- Thurs 14 Dec – Senior parent's evening
- Week beginning 05 Feb 24 – S5/6 parental options meetings
- 18 Feb 22 – Deadline for option forms to be handed in.





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# Any Questions?

Contact guidance teachers or myself ([gw09bethellclare@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk](mailto:gw09bethellclare@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk))

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