



# Option Choices S3 moving into S4

24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

# S3 Options Timeline

23 Nov 2020	<b>Mock Options</b> - all pupils will participate in a 'mock options' exercise where they will be asked which subjects they are thinking about taking. This allows us to look at the different combinations and develop an options form.
Week Beginning: 18 Jan 2021	<b>Virtual Options Presentation</b> - all pupils will be taken through the options process online by their Guidance Teacher. Over the coming weeks small groups of young people will meet with their Guidance teacher online. They will be issued with an individual option form which should be returned by email to the Guidance teacher.
22 Jan 2021	<b>Tracking Report</b> – this will provide parents with information about attainment and progress and support young people to select the subjects in which they have a particular interest or aptitude.
5 Feb 2021	<b>Deadline for returning preferred option choices to school. Please email the completed option form to the Guidance Teacher.</b>

# S3 Options Timeline

Please be patient.

Covid 19 – Home Learning January 2021

We are working in ways that we have never had to communicate before.

Your Guidance Teacher is aware of the Options timeline and will make sure **you are fully supported to undertake this process while you are home learning.**

If you have any questions please get ask! We are here to help 😊

# The Purpose of Senior Phase

- Provides specialisation and depth
- Prepares young people to achieve formal qualifications
- Continues to provide a range of opportunities to develop skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work
- Supports young people to achieve a positive and sustained destination

# Pathways



Learner journey to future employment or career

Different routes or pathways to get there

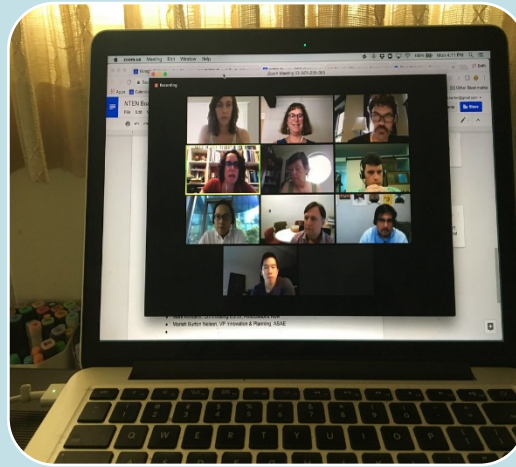
Planning Senior Phase to ensure progressive pathway to your goal

Exploring all routes

# Progression Pathways For All

S4 Award	Course level in S5	Course level in S6	After school
National 5 A/B pass	Higher	Advanced Higher	Degree at university or HND at college
National 5 C pass	National 5 or Higher (possibly over two years) or NPA	Higher or Advanced Higher	Degree at university or HNC / HND at college
National 4	National 5 or Additional related N4	Higher or NPA or Additional related N5	College HC > HNC > HND
National 3	National 4	National 5 Additional related N4	SVQ level 3 at college (available at level 4, level 5 or level 6 and 7)





1. Your **Guidance teacher** will take you through all the options as a class on **Microsoft Teams**

2. In small groups you will meet with your Guidance Teacher.

Your Guidance Teacher will issue the form.

You will complete the options form with support from your Guidance teacher

3. Discuss and finalise options with your parents and carers.

When you are sure of your choices please **email** your form back to your **Guidance teacher**

**We have taken onboard your comments and feedback from the Mock Option process.**

**English, Maths, RME, PE and PSE are compulsory.**

**You will see that you have six subject choices to make.**

**Please think about the following information:**

**Which are my strongest subjects?**

**It's a fact that young people do better in subjects they like to work in.**

**If you have a specific career goal in mind which subjects will help you achieve your goal?**

**Keep talking to your teachers... ask them, "Will I do well if I continue with this subject?"**

**My World of Work - struggling to make choices???**

**<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/where-can-subject-choices-take-you>**





# Options Form...

If you have any questions about this process please in the first instance contact your Guidance Teacher.

If you cannot get the combination of subject choices that you really want please note your 1<sup>st</sup> choice combinations on the form and let your Guidance teacher know. There are over 2,500 different classes running through the timetable so please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate however it may not be possible and that is why is always best to have a Plan B.

Remember you are making plans now for the next potential 3 years of your education. **Please choose subjects that you are good at, that you like and are willing to work at.** Please do not choose subjects on friendships groups as often these change...

If you do not return your option form; your Guidance teacher will contact you directly however **if your form is late please be aware that you may not get into your 1<sup>st</sup> choice of classes if they are already full.** Please be organised.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	Back Up Subject
Subjects offered at National 4 or National 5 unless otherwise stated	Maths N4 with Level 5 Numeracy	English	Biology	Art & Design	Administration and IT	Art and Design	
			Chemistry	Biology	Biology	Business Management	
	Maths N5		Design and Manufacture	Computing Science	Chemistry	Chemistry	
			Geography	Business Management	French	Health & Food Technology	
			History	General Science	Graphic Communication	Spanish	
			Modern Studies	Health and Food Technology	History	Physics	
			RMPS	Modern Studies	Practical Woodwork	Music	
			Physics	Physics	Music	NPA Cyber Security	
						Physical Education	
Please write your selected option below each column	Maths N4      Maths N5	English N4      N5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

# What next...

1. You will receive a meeting invite to join a PSE Team Meeting.
2. Your PSE class will be split into 4 / 5 groups, please be patient, Guidance staff will not forget about you!
3. At the smaller team meetings you will receive your individual option form
4. You must discuss your option choices with your parent / carer.
5. **EMAIL the option form directly to your Guidance Teacher.**
6. Your parents / carers will receive a confirmation letter with your preferred option choices noted in March 2021.
6. We plan to change timetable around 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 please continue to work hard and try your best in all of your subjects.

*Our learning*

*Our future*

*Our responsibility*

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Final options due  
5<sup>th</sup> February 2021