

S3 Pathways

Parents and Carers
Information Evening 2026

Broad General Education

- ▶ In S3 all pupils continue to follow a broad general education across 8 curricular areas.
- ▶ The curricular areas are:
 - ▶ 1 Languages / Literacy
 - ▶ 2 Maths / Numeracy
 - ▶ 3 Social Studies
 - ▶ 4 Science
 - ▶ 5 Expressive Arts
 - ▶ 6 Technologies
 - ▶ 7 Health & Wellbeing
 - ▶ 8 Religious & Moral Education

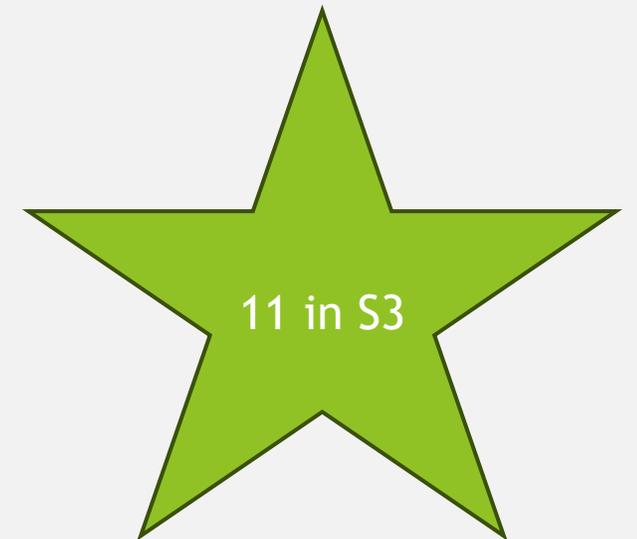
Broad General Education



17 in S2

You will narrow down from 17 classes in S2 to 11 in S3.

The 11 classes are made up of 8 subjects plus core PE, PSE and RP.



11 in S3

S3 Pathways Process

Everyone **MUST** continue to study subjects across the 8 curricular areas.

The following subjects do not appear on the pathways form as everyone continues with them in S3:

- ▶ English / Literacy
- ▶ Maths / Numeracy
- ▶ Health & Wellbeing (PE & PSE)
- ▶ Religious and Moral Education (RP)

This covers 4 of the 8 curricular areas.

S3 Pathways Process

For the remaining 4 curricular areas of

- ❑ Social Studies
- ❑ Science
- ❑ Expressive Arts
- ❑ Technologies

you have a choice of which subject you would like to continue with. **You must choose 1 subject in each area.**

A		B		C		D	
GEOGRAPHY		BIOLOGY		ART & DESIGN		ADMIN & IT	
HISTORY		CHEMISTRY		DRAMA		BUSINESS EDUCATION	
MODERN STUDIES		HEALTH		MUSIC		GRAPHICS	
RMPS		PHYSICS		MUSIC TECHNOLOGY		HOME ECONOMICS	
		PRACTICAL SCIENCE		PHYSICAL EDUCATION		PRACTICAL WOODWORK	

Story so far....

You now have 9 subjects selected across the 8 compulsory areas of the curriculum:

- ▶ English / Literacy
- ▶ Maths / Numeracy
- ▶ One from Social subjects
- ▶ One from Science
- ▶ One from Expressive Arts
- ▶ One from Technologies
- ▶ Core PE
- ▶ Core PSE
- ▶ Core RP



Personalisation

This means you have 2 more subjects to choose.

Personalisation			Skills for Work Elective
ADMIN & IT	FRENCH	MUSIC TECHNOLOGY	ADMIN & IT
ART & DESIGN	GEOGRAPHY	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
BIOLOGY	GRAPHICS	PHYSICS	EARLY LEARNING & CHILDCARE
BUSINESS EDUCATION	HISTORY	PRACTICAL SCIENCE	HEALTH
CHEMISTRY	HOME ECONOMICS	PRACTICAL WOODWORK	HOSPITALITY
DANCE	MEDIA	RMPS	ITALIAN
DRAMA	MODERN STUDIES	SPANISH	RETAIL
ENGINEERING SCIENCE	MUSIC		TRAVEL & TOURISM

Personalisation 1: _____

Personalisation 2: _____

Personalisation 3: _____

SfW 1: _____

SfW 2: _____

Personalisation

NOTES

1 ALL pupils continue with English and Maths therefore they **do not appear** on the Learner Pathway Form.

2 Pupils must choose **ONE** option in every column A to D above (tick box beside choice)

3 Choose **3** subjects from the Personalisation choices below. These **MUST BE DIFFERENT** from the subjects you have already chosen in columns A-D above. **NOTE:** there are new subjects here you may wish to try.

4 Choose **2** subjects from the Skills for Work (SfW) column. **NOTE:** You can only choose Engineering Science if you are doing Maths **AND** Physics.

You will be allocated **two** subjects from your personalisation and SfW choices.

ALL personalisation & SfW subjects offered below continue on to National 5 in S4.

Coming next year.....Senior Phase

When you go into the Senior Phase (S4 – S6) you study even fewer subjects.



In S4 you will only study 6 subjects you choose in S3 plus the core subjects of PE and Personal Development.



In S5 you will study 5 subjects from the 6 in S4 plus Personal Development and Leadership.



In S6 you will study a minimum of 4 Subjects, but most pupils will continue with 5.

S3 Pathways Important Guidance

You will be successful if you pick subjects:

- ▶ You enjoy
- ▶ You have made good progress in - Use your S2 Report issued this week.

Do not consider:

- ▶ What your pals are doing
- ▶ Teachers you like

S3 Pathways Important Guidance

If you are not sure about a subject then speak to your teacher.

This book is now on the website to help:



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S3 Pathways Important Guidance

Subjects you are picking now are the subjects you will have most success continuing on with in the Senior Phase.

Hopefully, you have taken some time to think about your future career and have done some research around the qualifications you will need to facilitate this.

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What's next

- ▶ Pupils will get Reports on Wed 18th Feb.
- ▶ Pathways form issued tonight or in class next week.

Homework for Wed 25th Feb:

- ▶ Look at your S2 Report to identify subjects you are successful in.
- ▶ Think about what you want to do when you leave school.
- ▶ Discuss your possible choices with your parents / carers.
- ▶ If needed talk to your teachers.

What's next

- ▶ Think about the subjects you'd like to choose from columns A to D.
- ▶ Think about your 3 personalisation choices and 2 Skills for Work choices. You will be allocated 2 of these so make sure you're happy with all of them.
- ▶ From 25th February you will be invited for a Pathways meeting with SLT who will complete a pathways interview with you to confirm your choices are appropriate for you.

Impact 23-24

S4

5+ Level 5 SQA
60.59%

5+ Level 5 SCQF
83.53%

S5

1+ Level 6 SQA
47.53%

1+ Level 6 SCQF
72.22%

3+ Level 6 SQA
33.95%

3+ Level 6 SCQF
49.38%

5+ Level 6 SQA
19.14%

5+ Level 6 SCQF
48.15%

S6

1+ Level 6 SQA
58.24%

1+ Level 6 SCQF
86.26%

3+ Level 6 SQA
45.05%

3+ Level 6 SCQF
58.24%

5+ Level 6 SQA
31.87%

5+ Level 6 SCQF
53.30%

1+ Level 7 SQA
15.93%

1+ Level 7 SCQF
23.08%



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Impact 24-25

Total presentations and outcomes:

S4:

5+ @N5 was 52% = 3rd in WL Council

S5:

5+ @H was 22% = 2nd in WL Council

3+ @H was 45% = 2nd in WL Council

S6:

1+ @AH was 21% = 3rd in WL Council.

Thank you

Please take a pathways form on the way out.



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