

# Choices for S3 In A Nutshell

A Guide for Parents and Carers
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019



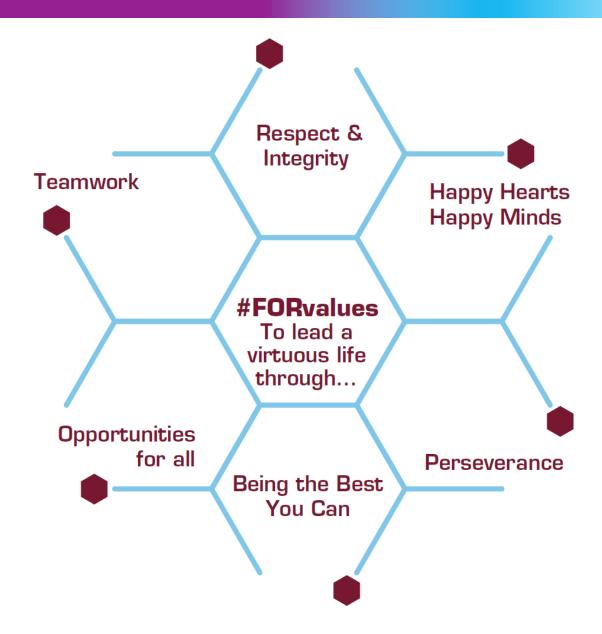


# CBI and employer top employability skills

- Self-management (resilience, flexibility,reflective learning)
- Teamworking (cooperation, negotiation, contribution)
- Business and Customer Awareness (innovation, calculated risk taking, customer satisfaction)
- Problem Solving (analysis, creative thinking)
- Communication and Literacy (written, oral, listening, questioning)
- Numeracy (mathematical awareness in practical contexts)
- I.T (application of basic software packages)
- Positive Attitude (can-do, open to new ideas, taking part)
- Enterprise (innovative, creative, collaborative, risk taking)



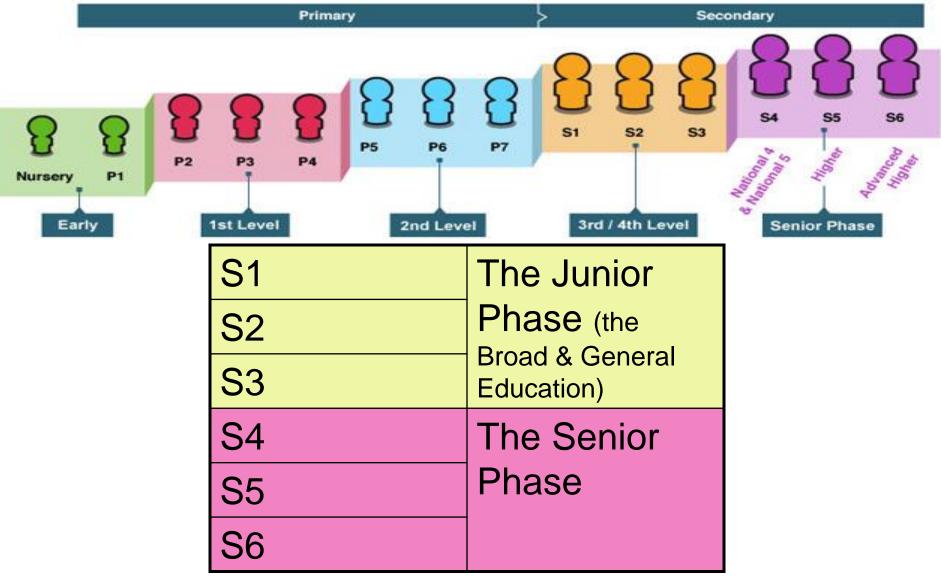






# Where are you now?







### The Junior Phase – a Broad and General Education



# **Expressive Arts**

Languages & Literacy

Health & Wellbeing

Mathematics & Numeracy

Religious & Moral Education

**Sciences** 

Social Subjects

**Technologies** 



# The curriculum is more than your subjects







# In S3...



- Pupils will continue to study in each of the curriculum areas but will have an opportunity to personalise their timetable through making choices
- Pupils will study a broad and general education with increasing personalisation and choice ensuring a strong platform for later learning



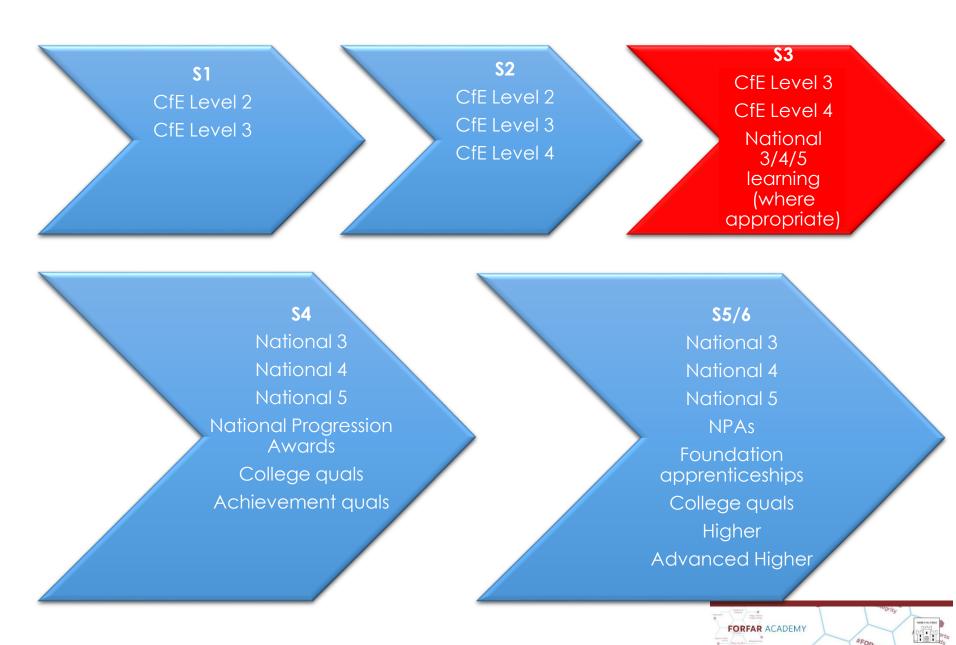
# What will S3 look like?



1. Every Learner studies	2. Learner chooses 1 subject from each Curricular Area:		3. Learner chooses 2 other subjects:	
English (4 periods)	Expressive Arts (3 periods)	Art and Design  Drama	Option 1: Choose Modern Languages	
Maths (4 periods)		Music	(3 periods) + one other subject	
Core PE (2 periods)	Health and Wellbeing (3 periods)	Dance Food & Nutrition	(3 periods)	
		Technologies  Physical Education	Option 2 Choose two other subjects	
Social Education (1 period)	Science (3 periods)	Biology  Chemistry	(3 periods each)	
Philosophies (1 period)	Social Subjects (3 periods)	Physics Geography History	Option 3 Choose one other subject (3 periods) + Youth Achievement (3 periods)	
	<b>Technologies</b> (3 periods)	Modern Studies Business Management and Admin & IT  Computing Science		
		Engineering Design and Technology		

# The Forfar Academy Learner Journey





# The National Qualifications



SCQF level	First year of qualification	New CfE qualification	Equivalent to	Equivalent to	Assessment	Hrs.
3	2013-14	National 3	Standard Grade Foundation (5/6)	Access 3	Pass/Fail internally assessed	160
4	2013-14	National 4	Standard Grade General (3/4)	Int. I	Pass/Fail internally assessed	160
5	2013-14	National 5	Standard Grade Credit (1/2)	Int. 2	Course assessment and final exam Graded A-D	160
6	2014-15	Higher	Higher		Coursework assessment and final exam Graded A-D	160
7	2015-16	Advanced Higher	Advanced Higher		Coursework assessment and final exam Graded A-D	160



## S3 into S4 pathways



#### Pathway 1

Learner chooses 7 SQA subjects (National 3/4/5):

- ✓ Maths
- ✓ English
- ✓ 5 other subjects studied in \$3



#### Pathway 2

Learner chooses 6 SQA subjects (National 3/4/5):

- ✓ Maths
- ✓ English
- ✓ 4 other subjects studied in S3
- ✓ Wider qualification options e.g. College/School based





Learner chooses 5 SQA subjects (National 3/4/5):

- ✓ Maths
- ✓ English
- √ 3 other subjects studied in S3
- ✓ 2 wider qualification options e.g. College/School based









## Questions to think about



- How should I decide which subjects to take in S3?
- Will I have to take national qualifications in S4 for subjects I choose in S3?
- Can I choose a subject in S4 that I didn't do in S3?
- How do I find out about S3 courses that are available?
- Where can I get further advice about making my choices?



# My Learner Journey: Grant Brown



#### **S4**

N5 Chemistry

N5 Engineering Science

N5 English

N5 Maths

N5 PE

N5 Physics

#### **S5**

Higher Chemistry
Higher Engineering Science
Higher Maths
Higher Physics

#### **S6**

AH Maths
AH Physics
YASS Engineering

Higher English



### Wider achievement

School football team Paired reading Physics mentor

# Next steps...

Maths, Physics or Engineering at Uni

# My Learner Journey: Kirsty Egan



#### **S4**

N5 Admin & IT

**N5 Business Management** 

N5 English

N5 Geography

N5 Maths

N5 French

#### **S5**

**Higher Admin** 

**Higher English** 

**Higher French** 

**Higher Geography** 

**Higher History** 

#### **S6**

Higher Biology
Higher Health & Food
Higher Business Management



#### Wider achievement

School Captain
Drop-In for younger pupils
Paired reading

### Next steps...

Business and Geography at University

# My Learner Journey: Finnlay Collett



#### **S4**

N5 English

N5 Graphic Communication

N5 Maths

N5 PE

N5 Physics

N5 Music

#### **S5**

Higher Maths

Higher PE

Higher Music

Foundation Apprenticeship

N5 Cake Craft



### Wider achievement

**Basketball** 

# Next steps...

HNC Engineering then Royal Air Force or University

#### **S6**

# My Learner Journey: Katie Graham



#### **S4**

N5 English

**N5** History

N4 Maths

N4 Chemistry

N4 French

N4 Admin & IT

#### **S5**

Higher English

Nat 5 Maths

Nat 5 History

Nat 5 Admin & IT

Nat 5 Hospitality Practical

Cookery

#### **S6**



#### Wider achievement

Mentors in Violence Prevention Charities Committee School Show (Hairspray) Pupil Council (S1-S3)

## Next steps...

Certificate in Uniformed Services (D&A College) Police Scotland (Dog Handler)

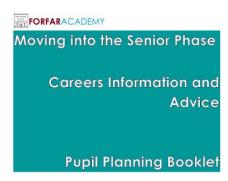
#### Course choice information





# \$2 into \$3 Pathways Course Choice Information





This booklet has been developed to help you plan for your future. It will help you to review your skill set, analyse opportunities available to you and seek support

Use this booklet to record your current thinking and career planning progress. You may also find it useful to reflect upon these questions with a Careers Adviser. You will keep an electronic copy of this booklet and revisit it with your PC&S Teacher each academic year.

Pupil Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UPS Class: \_\_\_\_



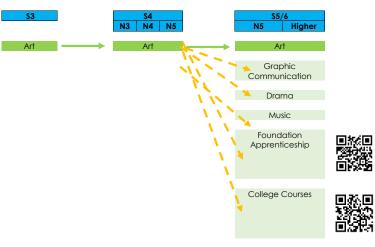


#### Courses on Offer

#### Art and Design

The S3 Art and Design course is a broad general course that covers both expressive and design outcomes. Pupils will build practical skills in class experimenting with a variety of different techniques and media towards national coursing in S4. Work produced in S3 (where appropriate) will also be considered to form part of folios for SQA presentation.

#### **Progression Pathways**



#### **Possible Careers**

- Art Gallery Curator
- Graphic Designer
- Art Therapist
- Jewellery Designer/Maker
- Illustrator
- Set Design
- · Painter and Decorator
- Dress Maker
- Interior Designer
- Product Designer
- Animator
- Photographer



# S2 into S3 timeline



Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	S2 Presentations on choices for S3	
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	S2 into S3 in a nutshell – parent/carer event	
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	SE input on choices, planning your learner journey, career pathways, and issuing of S2 into S3 personalisation and choice form	
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	S2 Parents' Evening	
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	All personalisation and choice forms returned to Pupil Care & Support	
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	Pupil choices finalised	

