

# Options Information

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – 6pm



# The Options Process

- ▶ S1 – Follow a broad range of subjects to ensure you are accessing a wide and varied curriculum
- ▶ S1 pathway to S2 & S3 – Broad General Education (BGE)
  - ▶ Need to follow a curriculum that covers a range of subjects
  - ▶ Some element of free choice
  - ▶ English, Maths, PSE,/RE, PE and 7 other subjects
- ▶ S3 pathway to S4 – Senior Phase
  - ▶ Narrowing your pathway based on your BGE curriculum
  - ▶ Free choice
  - ▶ English, Maths, PSE,/RE, PE and 5 other subjects
- ▶ S4 pathway to S5 – Senior Phase
  - ▶ Narrowing your pathway based on your S4 curriculum
  - ▶ Free choice
  - ▶ 5 subjects

# SCQF Framework

- ▶ This is the system across Scotland which makes sure all qualifications are rated against one framework, from National 1 all the way up to University level and also including apprenticeships
- ▶ Range of subjects available at different levels to meet the needs of all learners – National 3 to Advanced Higher

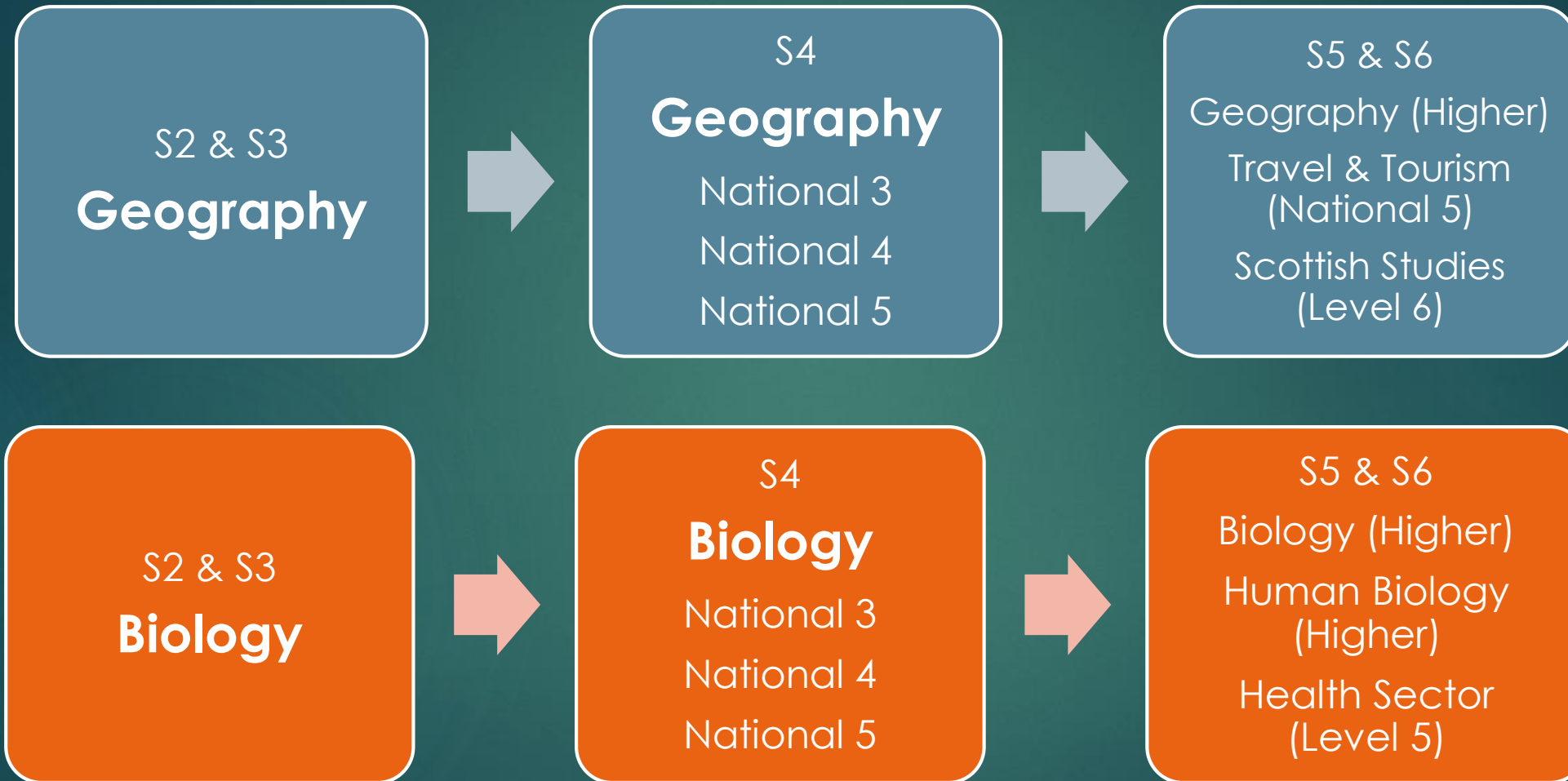
SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			Professional Development Award	Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Professional Development Award	Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate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

SCQF Level	S4	S5	S6
7			YASS – Contemporary Issues in Science
			Advanced Higher Physics Advanced Higher Maths
6		Level 6 Digital Media	Level 6 Software Development
		Higher English Higher Maths Higher Photography Higher Physics	
5	Level 5 Digital Media		
	National 5 Chemistry National 5 Design & Manufacture National 5 English National 5 Applications of Maths National 5 Maths National 5 Modern Studies National 5 Physics		
4	Level 4 PC Passport Level 4 Personal Finance		

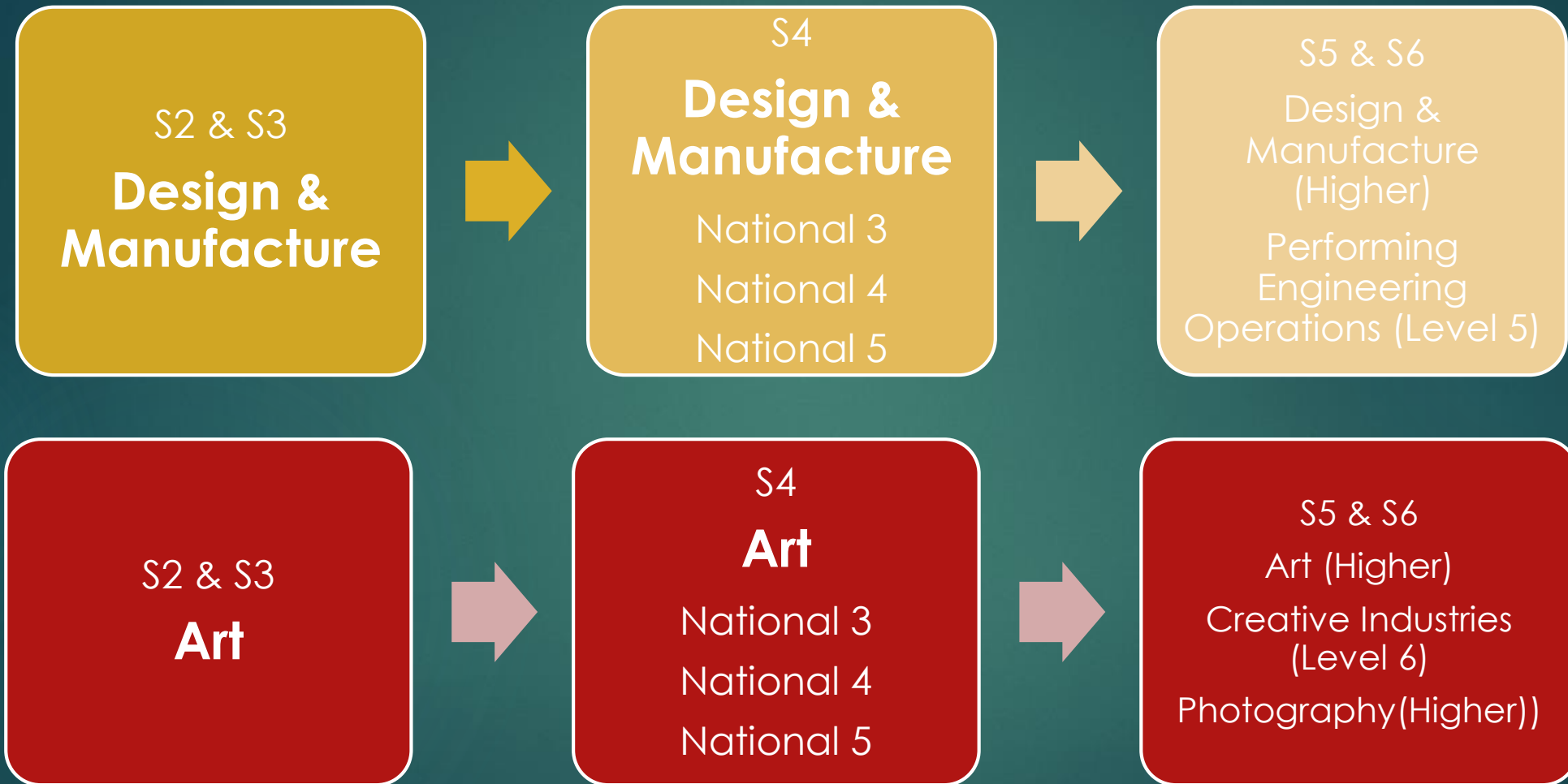
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7			
			Advanced Higher Art
6		Level 6 Creative Industries Level 6 Digital Media	Level 6 Leadership
		Higher English Higher Art	Higher Photography Higher Geography Higher Graphic Communication
5	Level 5 Digital Media	Level 5 Hospitality (Barista)	
	National 5 Creative Industries National 5 Art National 5 English National 5 Biology National 5 Business Management National 5 English National 5 Maths		
4	Level 4 Understanding Mental Health Issues	Level 4 Hospitality (Barista)	



# Progression through the SCQF Framework



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# Old V New (BGE)

Old:

- ▶ Column structure
- ▶ Pick one subject from each column
- ▶ Restricted choice
- ▶ Cannot always pick your best subjects

New:

- ▶ Some column structure
- ▶ Some element of free choice
- ▶ Less restricted choice
- ▶ Can pick your best subjects

**With both systems classes only run if there are enough pupils pick a subject and there are enough teachers available. We will try our best to match your choices but this may not always be possible.**



# Old V New (Senior Phase)

Old:

- ▶ Column structure
- ▶ Pick one subject from each column
- ▶ Restricted choice
- ▶ Cannot always pick your best subjects

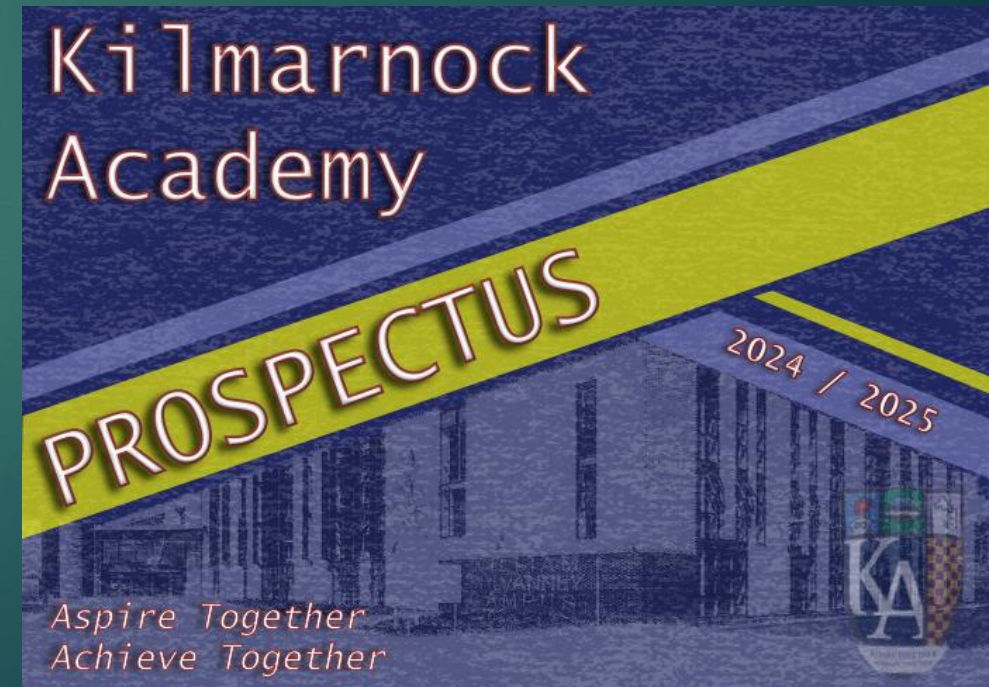
New:

- ▶ Free choice
- ▶ Pick any subjects that you have previously studied
- ▶ Less restricted choice
- ▶ Can pick your best subjects

**With both systems classes only run if there are enough pupils pick a subject and there are enough teachers available. We will try our best to match your choices but this may not always be possible.**

# Subjects

- ▶ There is information about every subject in the Kilmarnock Academy Prospectus 2024/ 2025. You should read this very carefully as it contains information on:
  - ▶ Subjects available
  - ▶ SCQF Level
  - ▶ Entry Requirements
  - ▶ Course Content
  - ▶ Progression



# My World of Work – Mrs Wallace

- ▶ All pupils receive input in PSE on careers education and making choices
- ▶ <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/>
- ▶ The Kilmarnock Academy Prospectus contains QR codes for every subject which links to My World of Work

# What subjects should I pick?

- ▶ You must pick English, Maths, PE/RE and PSE
- ▶ One subject from each column
  - ▶ Social Subjects
  - ▶ Modern Languages
  - ▶ Science
  - ▶ Performing and Expressive Arts
  - ▶ Technologies
- ▶ Two other subjects from any column
- ▶ One reserve subject

# What subjects should I pick?

You should try and pick subjects in the following order where possible

- ▶ Those subjects which you are likely to need for a future career, College or University place
- ▶ Those subjects you are good at – you can use your report to help with this which was issued on 19<sup>th</sup> December
- ▶ Those subjects you enjoy
- ▶ There are some subjects marked with \*. These are only available to some pupils. This will be discussed during individual options meetings.



# S2 Curriculum Pathway Form

Social Subjects	Modern Languages	Science	Expressive Arts	Technologies
Geography	French	Biology	Art & Design	Admin & IT
History	Spanish	Chemistry	Creative Industries	Business Management
Modern Studies	Gaelic	Physics	Design & Man	Graph Com
Social Studies *	Gaidhlig (fluent)	Environmental Science	Music	Music Technology
	Languages & Culture	Science *	Drama	Digital Media
	Languages & Literacy *		Physical Ed	Creative Thinking Skills
			Personal Development *	Woodwork
				Digital Literacy*

# The Options Process – Options Meeting

- ▶ Mrs Snodgrass – Principal Teacher of Pupils Support

# The Options Process & Key Dates

The KA Prospectus is now on the school blog. Read this carefully and begin discussions at home and with your teachers about subject choices

- ▶ **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – 6pm**: Options information evening for parents/carers and pupils
- ▶ **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – Curricular Pathway forms issued.
- ▶ **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Options interviews begin
- ▶ **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** – S1 Parents Evening
- ▶ **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Deadline for return of Curriculum Pathways Forms

**If they are not returned by this date you may not get the options you have selected as your form will not be included in the computer program that is used in the next stage of the options process.**

# Where will I find out more information?

- ▶ All the information you require will be on the school blog:
  - ▶ Options information evening for parents/ carers and pupils presentation
  - ▶ Kilmarnock Academy Prospectus 2024/2025
  - ▶ Progression Pathways Forms
  - ▶ Frequently Asked Questions

# Questions

- ▶ We will take any questions individually at the end