

# Options Information

Tuesday 18<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

# PREPARING FOR OPTIONS

There is information about every subject in the Kilmarnock Academy Prospectus 2025. You should read this very carefully as it contains information on:

- Subjects available
- SCQF Level
- Entry Requirements
- Course Content
- Progression



# 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

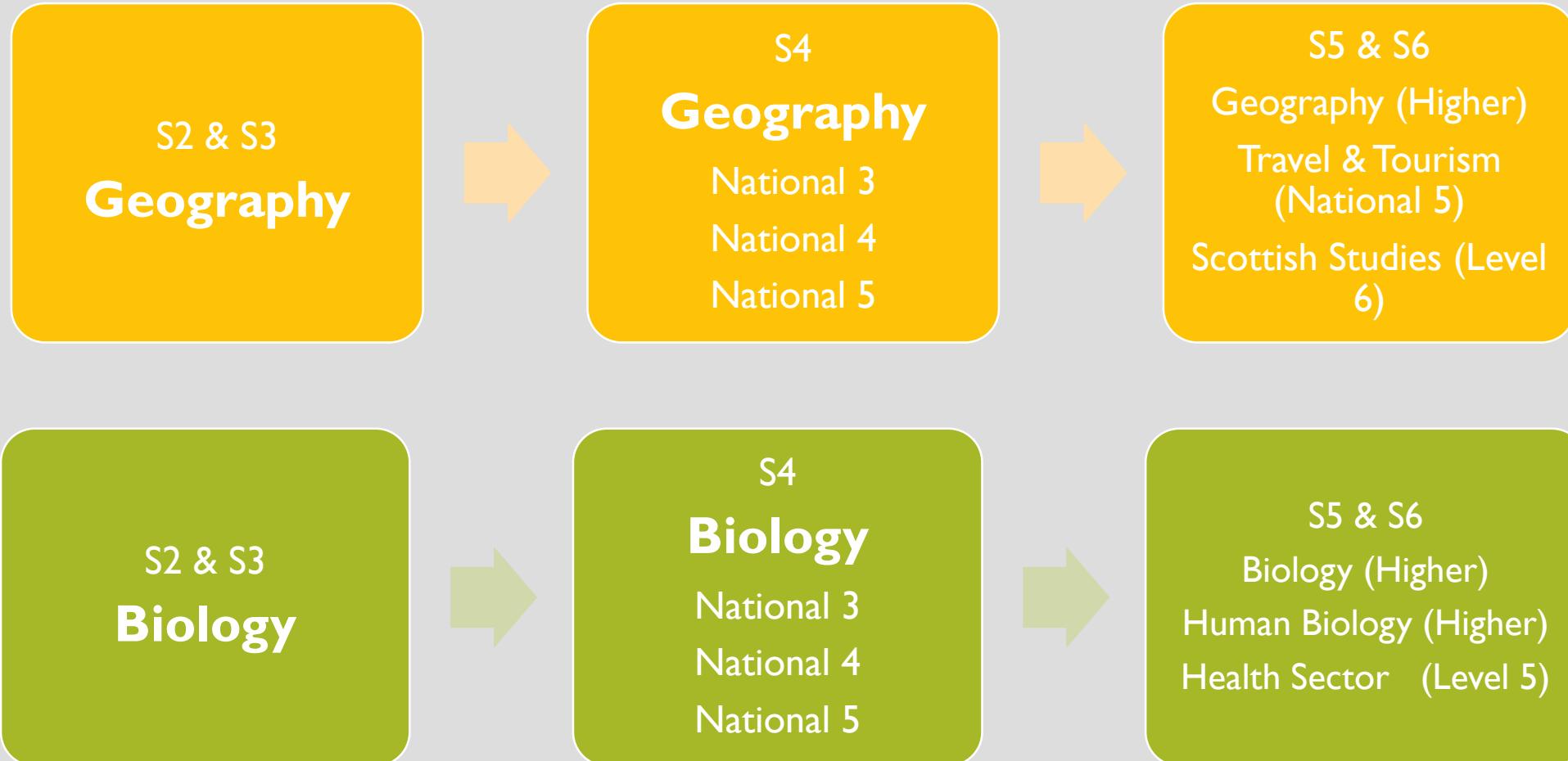
**With both systems classes only run if there are enough pupils pick a subject and there are enough teachers available. We will try our best to match your choices but this may not always be possible.**

# SCQF FRAMEWORK

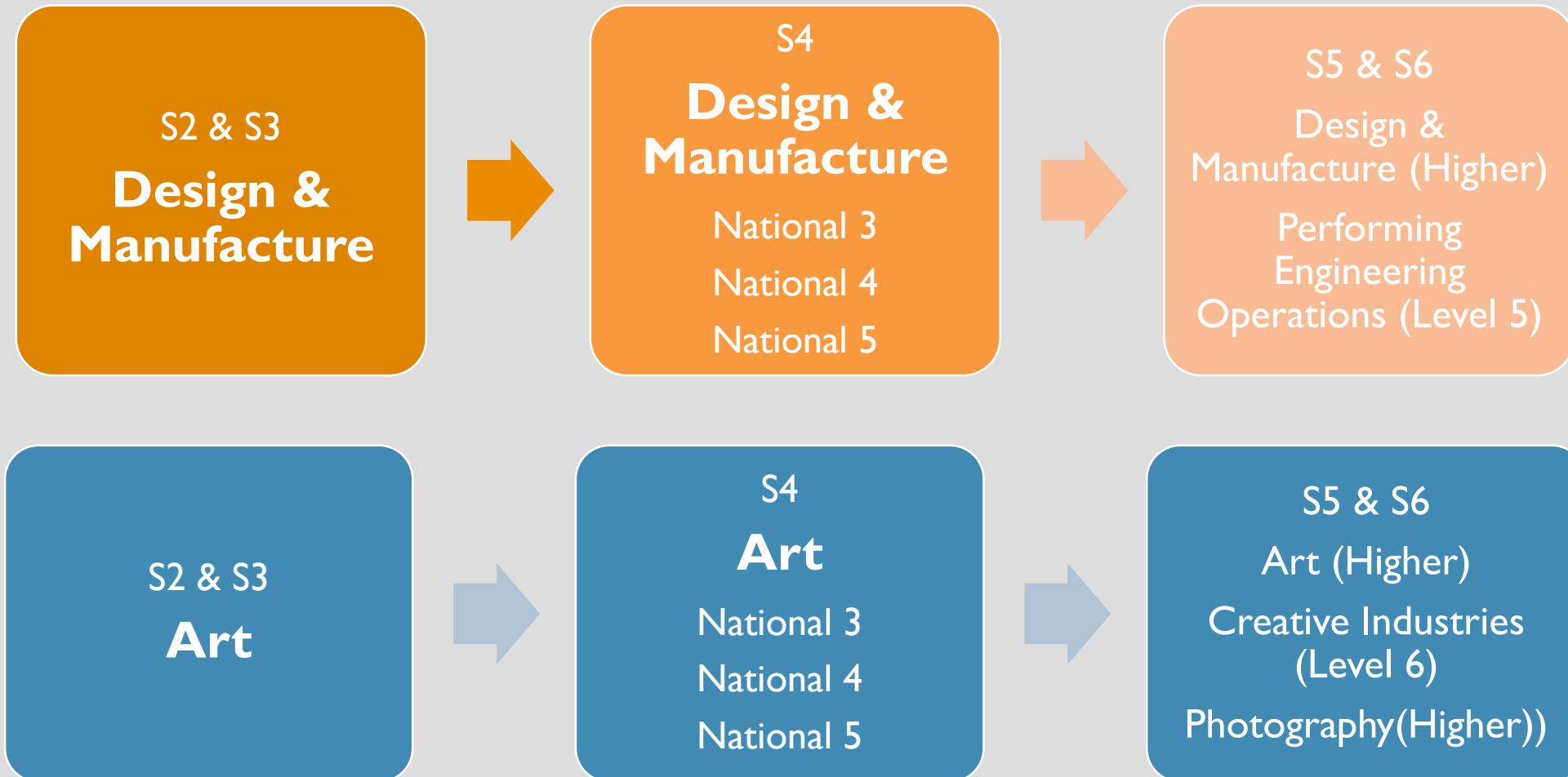
- This is the system across Scotland which makes sure all qualifications are rated against one framework, from National 1 all the way up to University level and also including apprenticeships
- Range of subjects available at different levels to meet the needs of all learners – National 3 to Advanced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

# PROGRESSION THROUGH THE SCQF FRAMEWORK



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SCQF Level	S4	S5	S6
7			Advanced Higher Art
6		Higher Art Higher Admin & IT Higher English Level 6 Creative Industries	Higher Business Higher Photography Level 6 Leadership Level 6 Legal Studies
5	National 5 History National 5 Admin + IT National 5 Art National 5 English	National 5 Maths	
4	Level 4 Junior Sports Leader National 4 Biology		

SCQF Level	S4	S5	S6
7			
6		Higher English Higher Spanish Higher Geography Higher Biology	Higher Admin + IT Higher Human Biology Level 6 Leadership Level 6 Criminology and Legal Studies
5	National 5 Spanish National 5 Maths National 5 English National 5 Biology National 5 Music National 5 Applications of Maths National 5 Geography National 5 History	Level 5 Volunteering	National 5 Chemistry
4	Level 4 Understanding Mental Health Issues		

## MY WORLD OF WORK

- We encourage all pupils to register on the website **My World of Work**, a valuable resource for both school pupils & adults at all stages of their career.
- [www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk)
- There is a Parents & Carers section of My World of Work with lots of useful advice and guidance, including pre-recorded webinars to help parents and carers better support their young people.
- The Kilmarnock Academy Prospectus contains QR codes for every subject which links to My World of Work



# WEBINARS AVAILABLE



## Parents and Carers Webinar Series

**My World of Work**

10 videos 430 views Last updated on 12 Dec 2022

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- 1  **Option Choices for S2/S3 - parents and carers webinar**  
My World of Work • 348 views • 1 month ago
- 2  **Understanding options available after school - parents and carers webinar**  
My World of Work • 210 views • 1 month ago
- 3  **Introduction to careers services for S1 pupils - parents and carers webinar**  
My World of Work • 143 views • 3 months ago
- 4  **Overview of Apprenticeships - parents and carers webinar**  
My World of Work • 415 views • 9 months ago
- 5  **How to Have Meaningful Career Conversations - parents and carers webinar**  
My World of Work • 420 views • 11 months ago

# 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 (Art)	Business Management
Modern Studies	Gaelic	Physics	Music	Graph Com
	Gaidhlig (fluent)	Environmental Science	Drama	Music Technology
	Languages & Culture	Science	Physical Education	Digital Media
			Creative Thinking Skills (Technology)	Design & Manufacture
				Woodwork

# 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 18<sup>th</sup> February – 6pm**: Options information evening for parents/ carers and pupils
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – Curricular Pathway forms issued.
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – SI Parents Evening
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Options Interviews begin
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</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 2025
  - Progression Pathways Forms
  - Frequently Asked Questions

# QUESTIONS

- We will take any questions individually at the end