


ST THOMAS AQUINAS SECONDARY SCHOOL



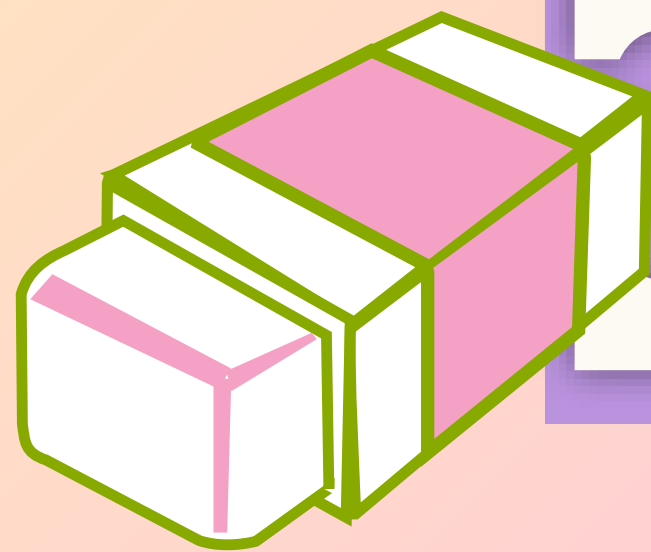
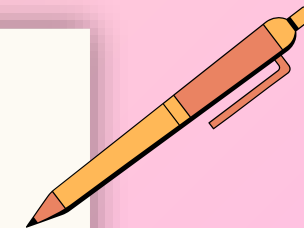
S2 OPTIONS INFORMATION EVENING

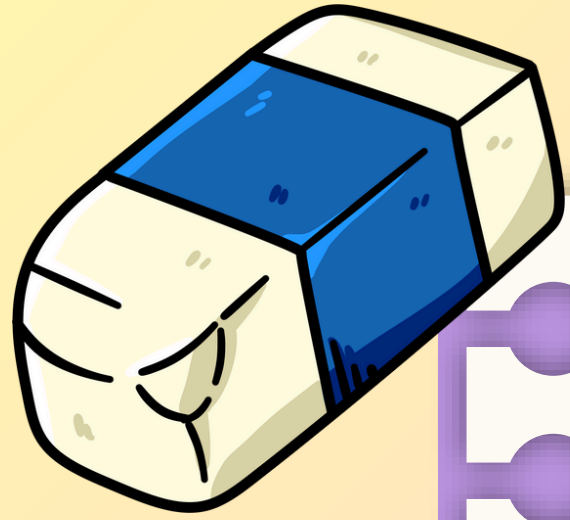
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WHY ARE WE HERE?

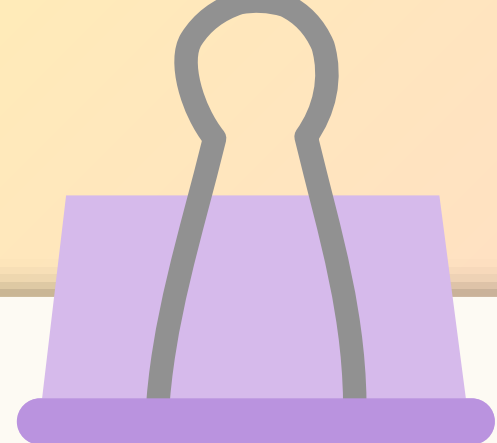




SUBJECT CHOICES

- 1.WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?**
- 2.WHAT THE PROCESS IS IN SCHOOL**
- 3.WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD**
- 4.ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OUR DEPARTMENTS**





SUBJECT CHOICES – WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

AT END OF S2 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WILL SELECT 8 SUBJECTS TO STUDY IN DEPTH ALONG WITH CORE PE, RE AND PSE.



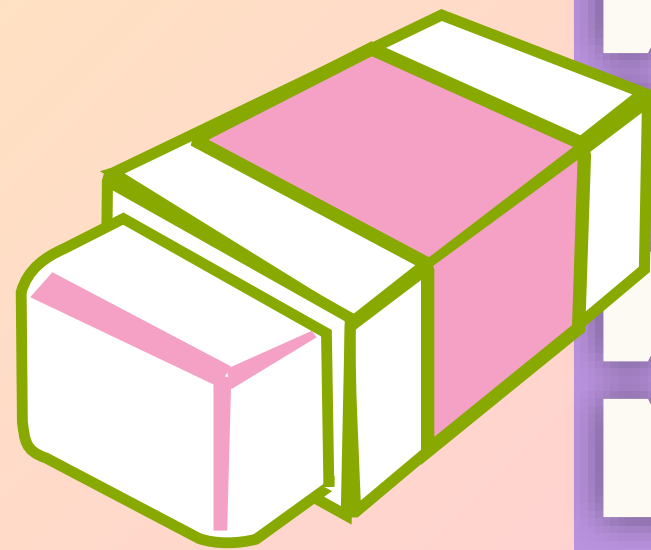
AT THE END OF S3, 7 SUBJECTS WILL BE SELECTED TO TAKE FORWARD INTO THE SENIOR PHASE.

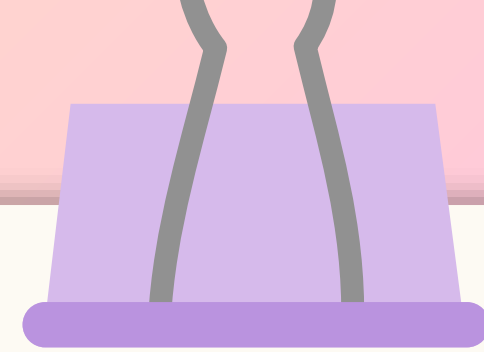
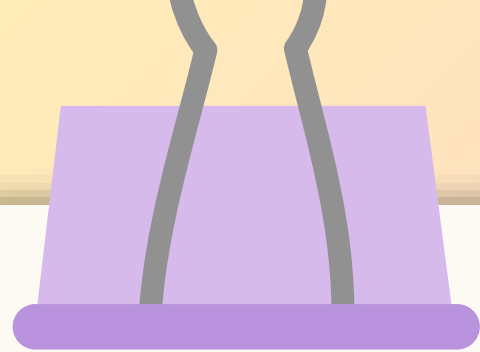
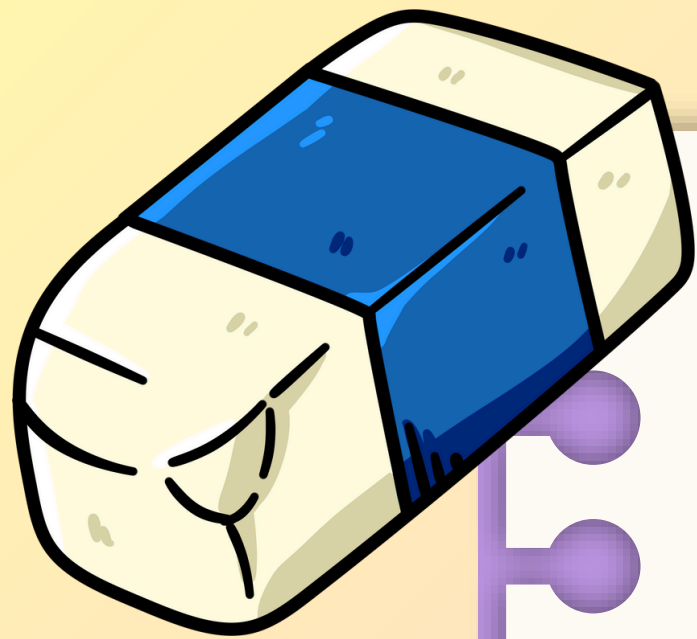


IN S4 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE PRESENTED FOR NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS IN THE 7 SUBJECTS.



IN S5/6 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE CONTINUE TO STUDY A RANGE OF NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, NATIONAL PROGRESSION AWARDS (NPAS) OR SKILLS FOR WORK (SFW) COURSES.





WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

1. S2 OPTIONS INFORMATION EVENING
2. SDS ONE TO ONE INTERVIEWS
3. PERSONALISATION AND CHOICE ASSEMBLY AND INFORMATION SESSION
4. RESEARCH - AT HOME WITH PARENT/CARER
5. READ S2 INTO S3 OPTIONS BOOKLET
6. MS FORM - COMPLETED BY MID FEBRUARY
7. ONE TO ONE PASTORAL CARE INTERVIEW TO CONFIRM CHOICES





**THE OPTIONS
PROCESS -
WHO CAN
HELP?**



CLASS TEACHERS



**PRINCIPAL TEACHERS/FACULTY
HEADS**



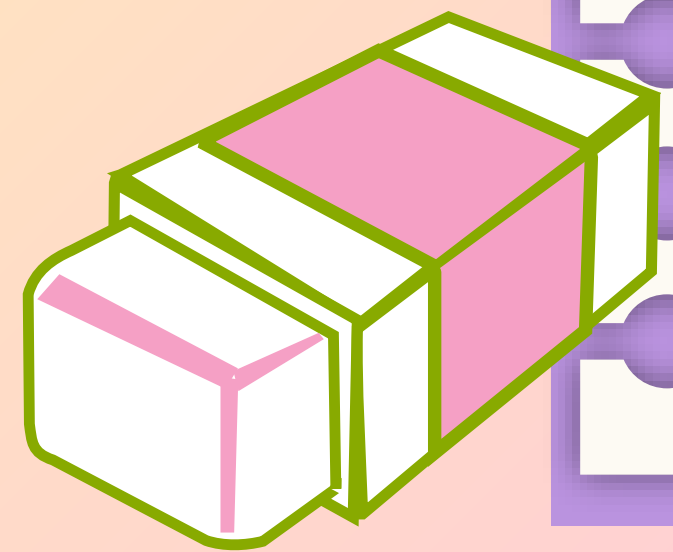
PASTORAL CARE TEACHERS

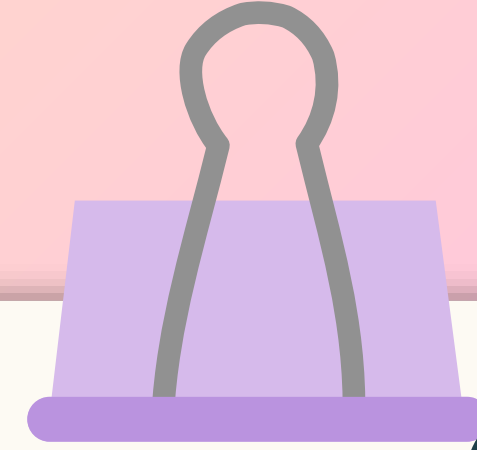
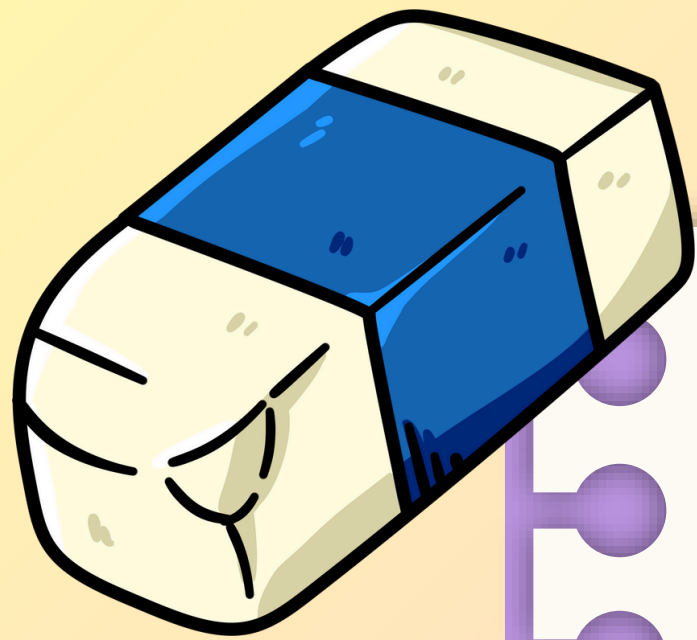


SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND, SDS, AND ONLINE SUPPORT



MRS MORRISON

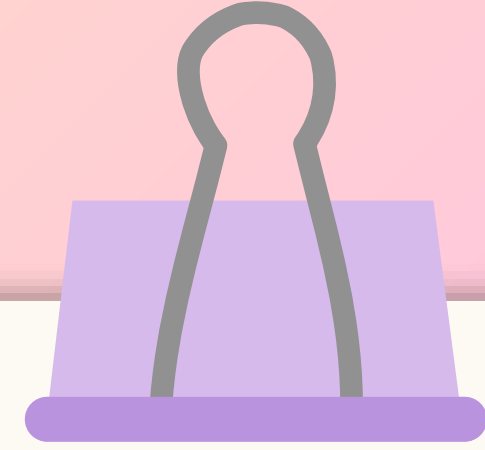
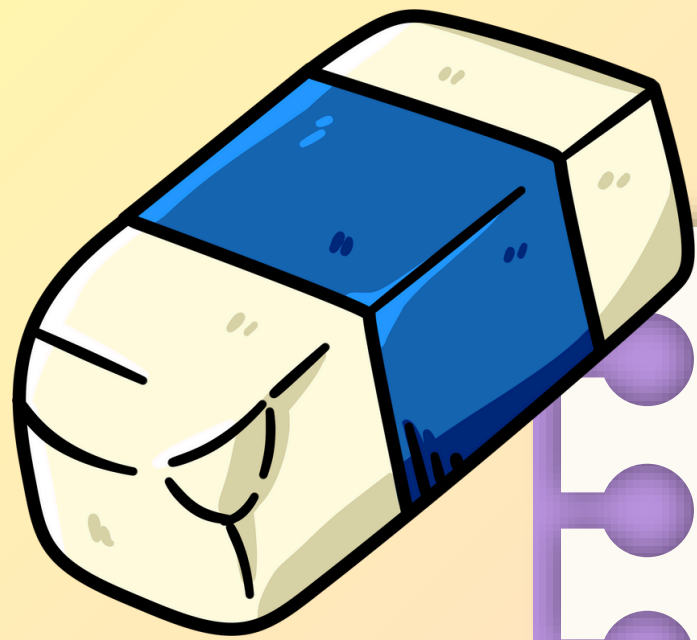




SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND CAREERS ADVISERS

**JACKIE O'HARE
AND
EVONNE MCHENDRY**

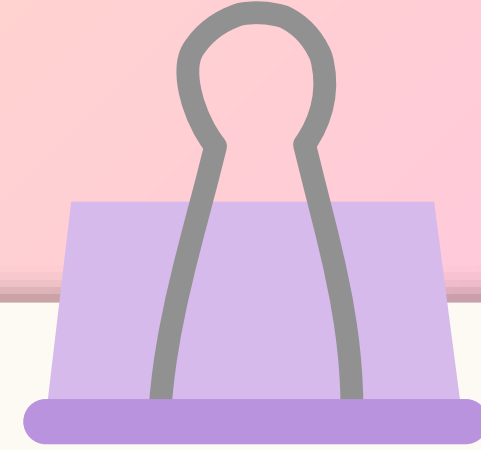
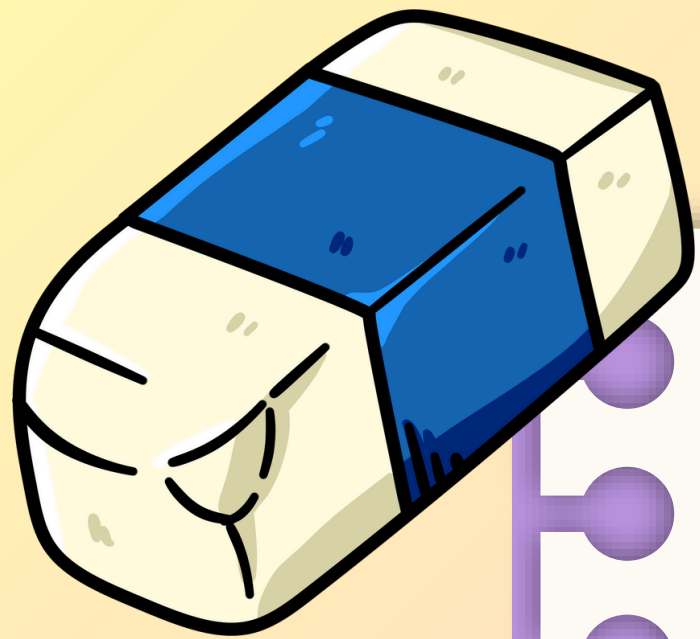




DEVELOPING THE YOUNG WORKFORCE(DYW)

MRS KEENAN

**DEVELOPING THE YOUNG WORKFORCE (DYW) IS
A VITAL PART OF SCOTLAND'S CAREERS AND
SKILLS SYSTEM. DYW IS EMPLOYER-LED, AND
THEY MAKE IT EASIER FOR EMPLOYERS TO
CONNECT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCHOOLS AND
COLLEGES ACROSS SCOTLAND.**



ONLINE SUPPORT

SOME WEBSITES TO ASSIST WITH CAREERS RESEARCH:

• WWW.SKILLSDEVELOPMENTSCOTLAND.CO.UK

• WWW.MYWORLDOFWORK.CO.UK

• WWW.PLANITPLUS.NET

• WWW.PROSPECTS.AC.UK

• WWW.UCAS.COM

• WWW.SCQF.ORG.UK



SCOTTISH CREDIT QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at www.scqf.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.

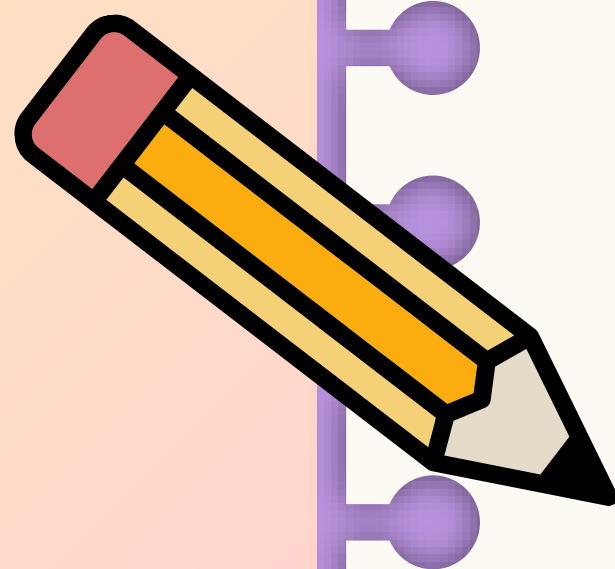
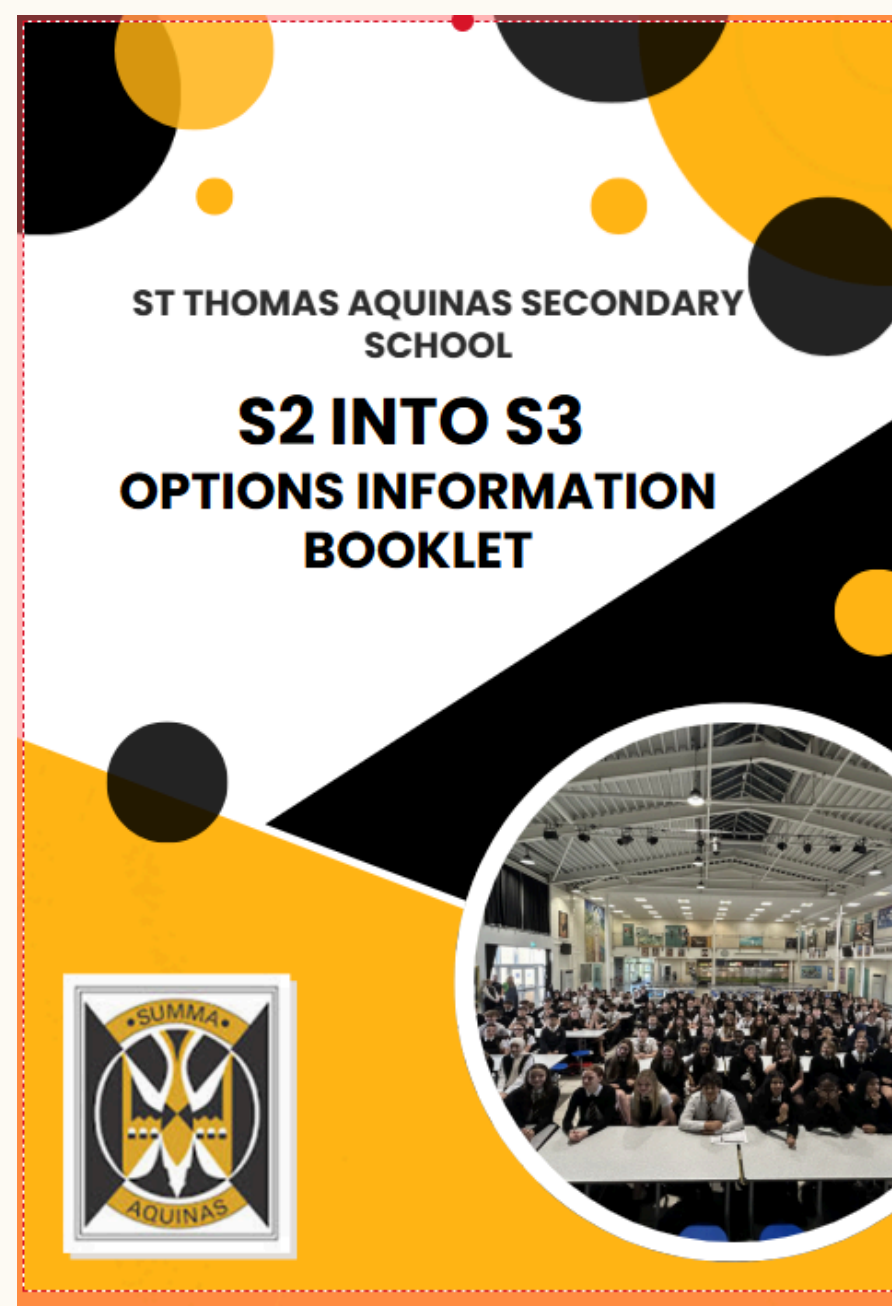
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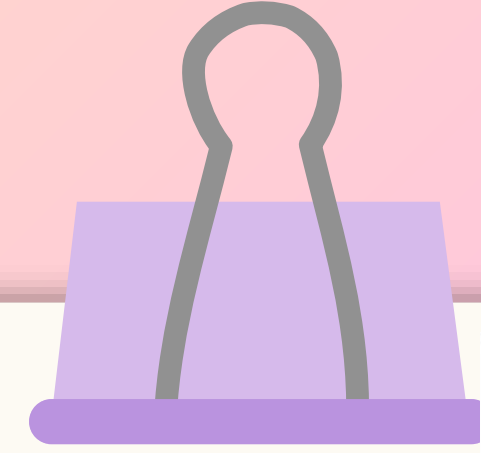
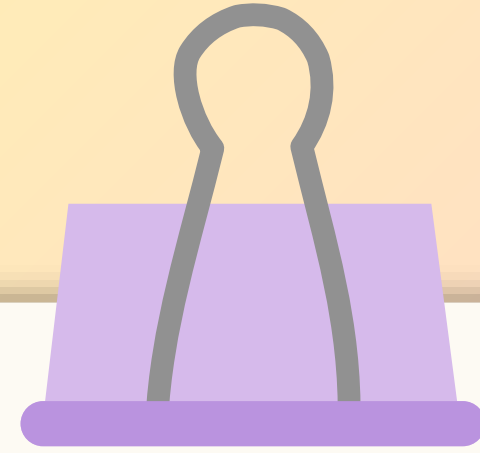
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12			Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9		Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma	Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate	Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher			Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5			Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award	SVQ
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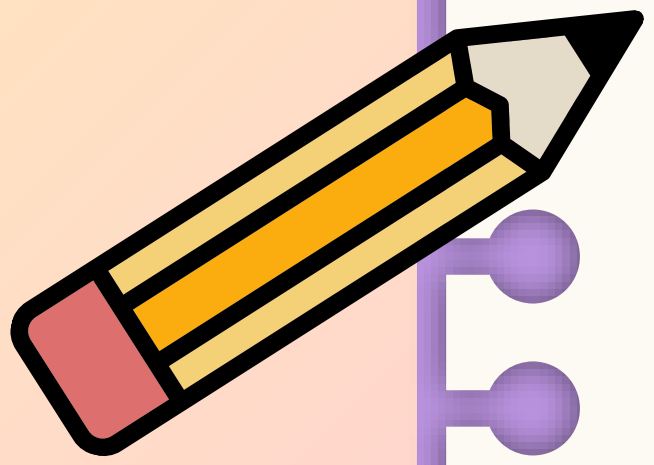
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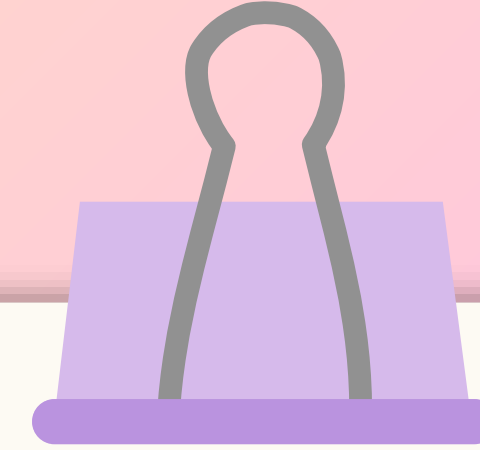
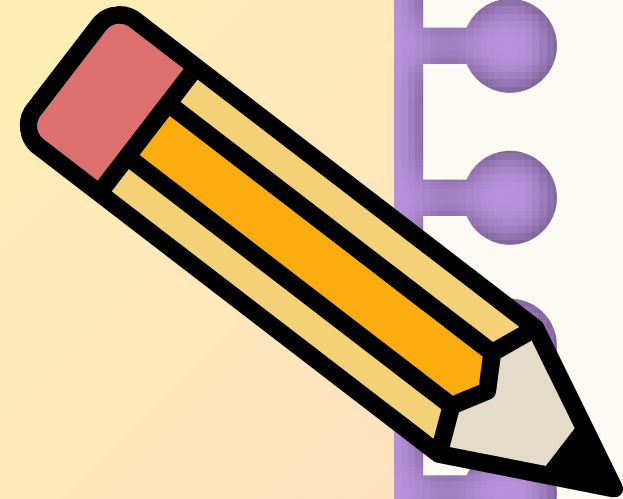




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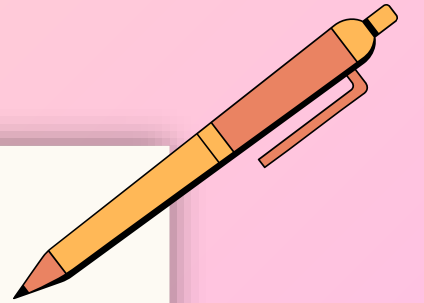
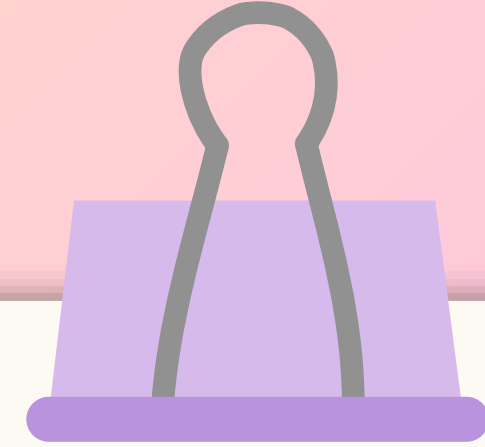
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■ ENGLISH		■ MATHEMATICS		■ SPANISH	
CHOICE 1 ■ GEOGRAPHY ■ HISTORY ■ MODERN STUDIES	If pupils choose an option from column 2A, they must then choose from 3A. If they choose from column 2B, they must choose from 3B.		CHOICE 4 ■ ART & DESIGN ■ BUSINESS MANAGEMENT ■ DRAMA ■ FRENCH ■ MUSIC	CHOICE 5 ■ ART & DESIGN ■ CHEMISTRY ■ DESIGN & MANUFACTURE ■ FASHION & TEXTILES ■ HISTORY ■ MODERN STUDIES ■ MUSIC	
	CHOICE 2A ■ BIOLOGY ■ SCIENCE	CHOICE 3A ■ ADMINISTRATION & IT ■ CREATIVE THINKING ■ HEALTH & FOOD TECHNOLOGY ■ PRACTICAL WOODWORK*			
	CHOICE 2B ■ COMPUTING ■ GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION ■ BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	CHOICE 3B ■ CHEMISTRY ■ PHYSICS			
	OTHER COMPULSORY SUBJECTS: RE PE PSE HWB				





SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT





DEPARTMENT MAP



STAGE

PRESENTATION AREA

ENGLISH

**SOCIAL
SUBJECTS**

**MODERN
LANGUAGES**

BECS

PE

**HEALTH, FOOD
& TEXTILE
TECHNOLOGY**

**DESIGN &
TECHNOLOGY**

SCIENCE

**ART &
DESIGN**

SDS

**SCQF
AMBASSADORS**

**PERFORMING
ARTS**



**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR S2 OPTIONS EVENING.
YOUR FEEDBACK HELPS US IMPROVE HOW WE SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE
IN MAKING INFORMED SUBJECT CHOICES FOR S3 AND BEYOND.**

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

**S2 Options Information Evening
Evaluation**

