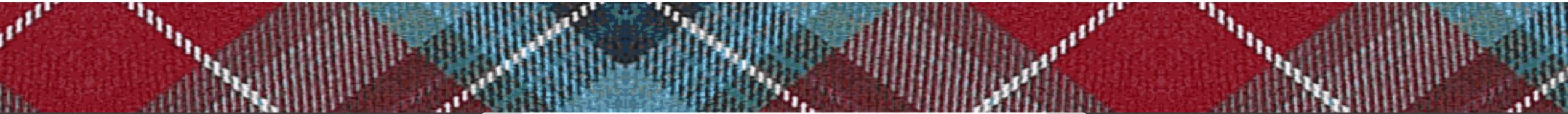


Inverclyde Academy

Senior Phase Options

Progressing to Session 2023-24





This information applies to all year groups moving into or through the Senior Phase at Inverclyde Academy:

S3 into S4 Options

This booklet contains all the information that you need. It is available on your House Teams page and the school website. It has also been emailed to your Glow account and to your parents' email.



Inverclyde Academy

Senior Phase Pathways

Options Support Booklet



Your Pupil Support Teacher will guide you through it in PSE/DYW in the coming week to help you with making informed choices.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ✓ Make wise choices that support your career journey when you leave IA.
- ✓ Find out about the entry requirements needed for any jobs or College or University courses that you are considering. Make sure this is up-to-date e.g. will they accept Apps of Maths or only Maths?
- ✓ Choose subjects you are good at and enjoy and that suit your abilities.
- ✓ In S3, think about what grades your teachers have given you in your recent report.
- ✓ Be realistic about what you are able to do - there is little point in taking a subject which has caused you serious difficulty in the past.
- ✓ Discuss your options with other people. Ask them for information, help and advice...

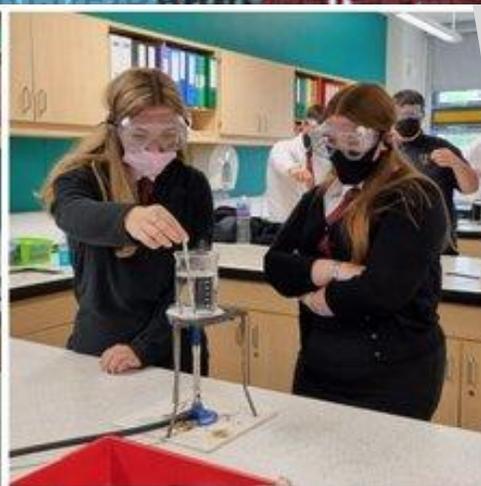
...but remember that YOU must make the final decision for yourself.

OPTIONS STRUCTURE – NUMBER OF SUBJECTS

Senior phase covers S4, S5 & S6. Therefore, all/any of your classes can contain pupils from any of these 3 year groups.

- In S4, you must choose 6 subjects including English and Maths/Apps.
- You must also attend core PSE, RMPS & PE.
- You have the option to apply for a college course on a Wed pm (core time).
- You will need to select a RESERVE subject which may be used in the event of a clash with your selections – this will always be discussed with you before being applied.





School Subject Options



English

ICT

Art

Maths

Modern Languages

RMPS

Social Subjects

Design Technology

Health & Wellbeing

Sciences

Performing Arts

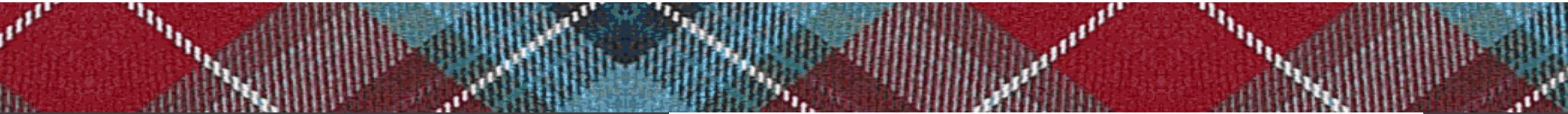
Lots of new courses to select from...

Tick (✓)	Subject	Nat 4 / L4	Nat 5 / L5	Higher /L6	Adv Higher
English	English				
	Comms & Lit				
Maths	Mathematics				
	Applications of Maths				
Languages	French				
	Spanish				
ESOL	English as a Second Language				
Science	Biology				
	Human Biology				
	Chemistry				
	Physics				
	Environmental Science				
	Laboratory Science				
	Health Sector				
Social Subjects	Geography				
	History				
	Modern Studies				
	John Muir Award				
	Travel & Tourism				
RMPS	RMPS				

Tick (✓)	Subject	Nat 4 / L4	Nat 5 / L5	Higher / L6	Adv Higher
ICT	Admin & IT				
	Business (N3/4) / Business Mgt (N5/H)				
	Computing Science				
	Customer Service (NPA)				
	Cyber Security (NPA)				
Design & Manufacture	Graphic Communication				
	Design & Manufacture				
	Practical Woodworking				
	Practical Metalworking				
Performing Arts	Drama				
	Acting & Performance (NPA)				
	Technical Theatre (NPA)				
	Dance				
	Music				
	Music Tech				
Health & Wellbeing	Practical Cookery				
	PE (Team Sports)				
	PE (Aesthetics)				
	PE				
	Sports & Recreation				
	Sports Leaders (NPA)				
	Achieving Excellence in Sport (NPA)				
Art & Design	Art & Design				
	Photography				

Total number of subjects:

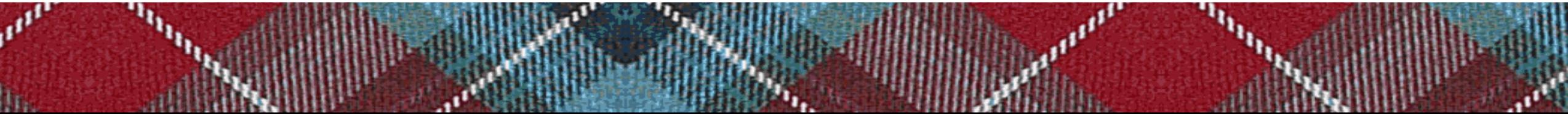
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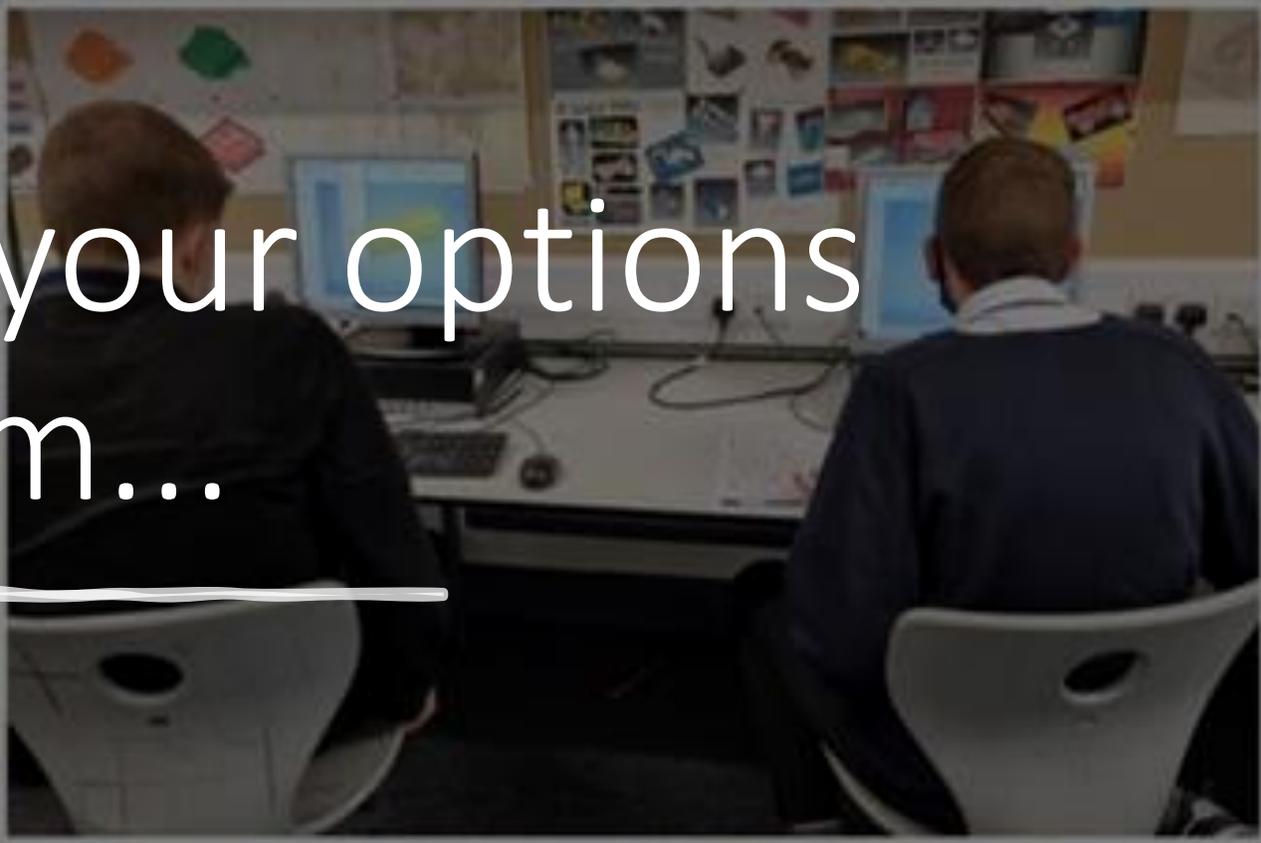
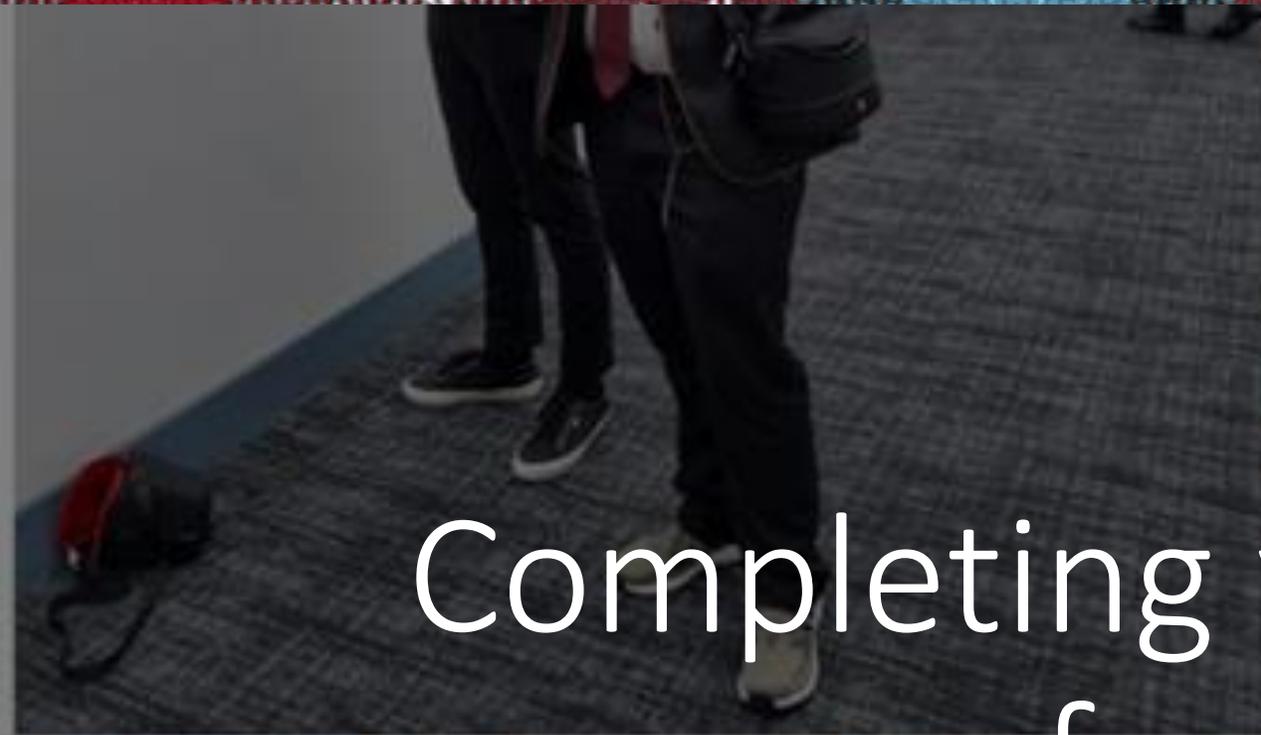


College Options



College
Vocational
Options – S4

Course Name	SCQF Level	Campus
Childcare	Level 4	Waterfront
Intro to Early Years & Care (still tbc)	Level 4	Waterfront
Hair, Makeup & Beauty	Level 4	Finnart St
Rock School Live Performance	Level 4	Finnart St
Construction Crafts	Level 4	Finnart St
Computer Games Development	Level 4	Finnart St
Intro to Automotive	Level 4	Finnart St
Greenpower: F24 Kit Car Team	Level 4	Finnart St
Engineering	Level 4	Finnart St
TV Production	Level 4	Finnart St
Sound Production	Level 4	Finnart St
Medical Laboratory Skills	Level 5	Finnart St
Intro to Pharmacy	Level 5	Finnart St
NPA Sport Unit based	Level 5	Finnart St



Completing your options form...

You will receive a paper copy of the options information like the one in the back of the options booklet to allow you to mock up your options with your carers before discussing with your Pupil Support Teacher.

Exemplar Options Form



Section 1: All about you...

Please tick the boxes that apply to you on each row: (✓)

We offer you a free choice which means that you can choose the combination of subjects that will ensure you can study the qualifications required for your chosen career path. However, there are some restrictions which have already been outlined to you.

Please provide your First name: Please provide your Surname:

What gender do you identify with? Male Female Other

Where are you currently in? S3 S4 S5

Which house group are you in? Arran Cumbrae Eriskay

Section 2: Career Planning.

Making the correct option choices is key to ensure you fulfil your career aspirations. To support this, please complete the questions below which are linked to your career planning. This information will help us to support you to achieve your goals.

What is your anticipated leaving date? End of S4 Xmas S5 End of S5 Xmas S6 End of S6

What is your preferred route when leaving school? University College Apprenticeship Employment

What course / job would you be interested in when you leave school?

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Once agreed, you will be able to enter that information directly on to the MS Form which will be shared on your House Teams page.

Exemplar Options Form



Section 3: Current Subjects & Levels

Section 1: All about you...

Please tick the boxes that apply to you

We offer you a free choice which means you can choose your own career path. However, there are some restrictions.

Please provide your First name:

What gender do you identify with?

What year are you currently in?

What House group are you in?

Section 2: Career Planning.

Making the correct option choices is key to your career planning. This information will help you decide your future.

What is your anticipated leaving date?

What is your preferred route when leaving school?

What course / job would you be interested in?

Section 4: Options

Pupils must follow a set number of courses as indicated below – please tick the correct subjects and levels and use the totals at the bottom to check:

- S4-6 – 6 courses plus core time if not studying any Highers
- S5/6 – 5 courses if taking at least one Higher
- S6 only – 5 courses (minus one for each Adv Higher to a minimum of 3)

Tick (✓)	Subject	Nat 4 / L4	Nat 5 / L5	Higher /L6	Adv Higher
English	English				
	Comms & Literature L6				
Maths	Mathematics				
	Applications of Maths				
Languages	French				
	Spanish				
ESOL	English as a Second Language				
Science	Biology or Higher Human Biology				
	Chemistry				
	Physics				
	Laboratory Science				
Social Subjects	Geography				
	History				
	Modern Studies				
	Travel & Tourism I				
	Politics				
ICT	Admin & IT				
	Business (N3/4) / Business I				
	Computing Science				
	Business Skills (FA)				
	Cyber Security (NP)				
Design & Manufacture	Graphic Communication				
	Design & Manufacture				
	Practical Metalwork				

Construction Crafts	Level 4		
Computer Games Development	Level 4		
Intro to Automotive (new in 2022!)	Level 4		
Engineering	Level 4		
TV Production	Level 4		
Sound Production	Level 4		
Medical Laboratory Skills	Level 5		
Intro to Pharmacy	Level 5		
NPA Sport Unit based	Level 5		
Environmental Science (new in 2022!)	Level 5		

S5/6 only - The application process for college takes place in April and is separate to the school options process. S5/6 can pick college at this stage but you must be aware that the college makes the final decision on places and so your place is not guaranteed until June.

I would be interested in a Vocational course at WCS? Yes No

Course	SCQF	Credits	Year	PLEASE TICK
Automotive Maintenance	Level 3/4	IMI Award	S5/6	
Automotive Body & Paint Repair	Level 3/4	IMI Award	S5/6	
Introduction to Plumbing	Level 4	2 Units	S5/6	
NPA Professional Cookery with Bakery	Level 4	National Progression Award	S5/6	
Activity & Adventure Tourism new in 2022!	Level 4	National Progression award	S5/6	
Makeup Artistry	Level 4	National Progression Award	S5/6	
Skills for Work Hairdressing	Level 4	Group Award	S5/6	
Skills for Work Construction Craft	Level 5	Group Award	S5/6	
Skills for Work Hospitality	Level 5	Group Award	S5/6	
Skills for Work Childcare	Level 5	Group Award	S5/6	
NPA Cyber Security	Level 5	National Progression Award	S5/6	
NPA Computer Games Development	Level 5	National Progression Award	S5/6	
NPA TV Production	Level 5	National Progression Award	S5/6	

Tick (✓)	Subject	Nat 4 / L4	Nat 5 / L5	Higher /L6	Adv Higher
	RMPS				
Performing Arts	Drama				
	Acting & Performance (NPA)				
	Technical Theatre (NPA)				
	Dance				
	Music				
	Music Tech				
Health & Wellbeing	Practical Cookery				
	PE (Team Sports)				
	PE (Aesthetics)				
	PE				
	Sports & Recreation				
	Sports Leaders (NPA)				
	Achieving Excellence in Sport (NPA)				

ESOL Access (new in 2022!)	Level 5/6	Details tbc	S5/6	
NPA Admin: Office Serv & Info Tech (new in 2022!)	Level 5	National Progression Award	S5/6	
NPA Digital Skills for Ent & Business with IT	Level 5	National Progression Award	S5/6	
Engineering	Level 5	Group Award	S5/6	

HNC Infill

S6 only - The application process for college takes place in April and is separate to the school options process. You must also pick at least 2 school subjects to fill the days when you are in school during your HNC course.

I would be interested in an HNC course at WCS? Yes No

COURSE	SCQF LEVEL	DAYS	YEAR	PLEASE TICK
HNC Travel & Tourism	Level 7	HNC (Mon & Tues all day)	S6	
HNC Music	Level 7	HNC (Tues & Thurs all day)	S6	
HNC TV Production	Level 7	HNC (Tues & Thurs all day)	S6	
HNC Sound Production	Level 7	HNC (Tues & Thurs all day)	S6	
HNC Sport & Fitness	Level 7	HNC (4 afternoons/infill)	S6	
HNC Coaching	Level 7	HNC (4 afternoons/infill)	S6	
HNC Accounts	Level 7	HNC (Times to be confirmed)	S6	
HNC Business	Level 7	HNC (Times to be confirmed)	S6	

Section 6: Pupil Checklist & Agreement Please Tick (✓)

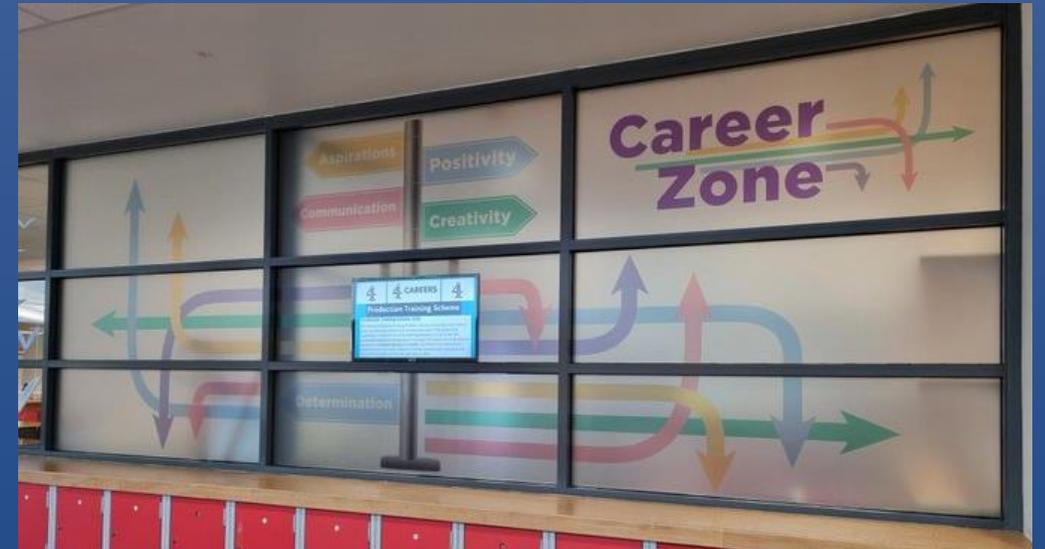
In this section you will find your checklist and agreement for your options moving in to S4, S5 or S6.

Read the statements below carefully and select the correct option for each.

	Yes	No
I have discussed my options with my carers and they are aware of what subjects I have selected?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have discussed my options with my Pupil Support Teacher?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have thought about the subjects that I have excelled at in S3/4/5 and chosen from these only?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My subject choices link clearly to my career pathway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

HELP AVAILABLE TO YOU:

- ✓ Resources on House & DYW Teams
- ✓ The school website
- ✓ Research – gather up to date information on your chosen career pathway
- ✓ Discussions with:
 - Pupil Support teachers
 - Larry from SDS & Chloe from DYW
 - Ms McCready
 - Parents/carers
 - <https://www.npfs.org.uk/downloads/category/in-a-nutshell-series/nationals-in-a-nutshell-series/>



Skills
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You will have the opportunity for a discussion with your Pupil Support teacher in PSE/DYW before you complete the online form – make sure you have your questions ready!