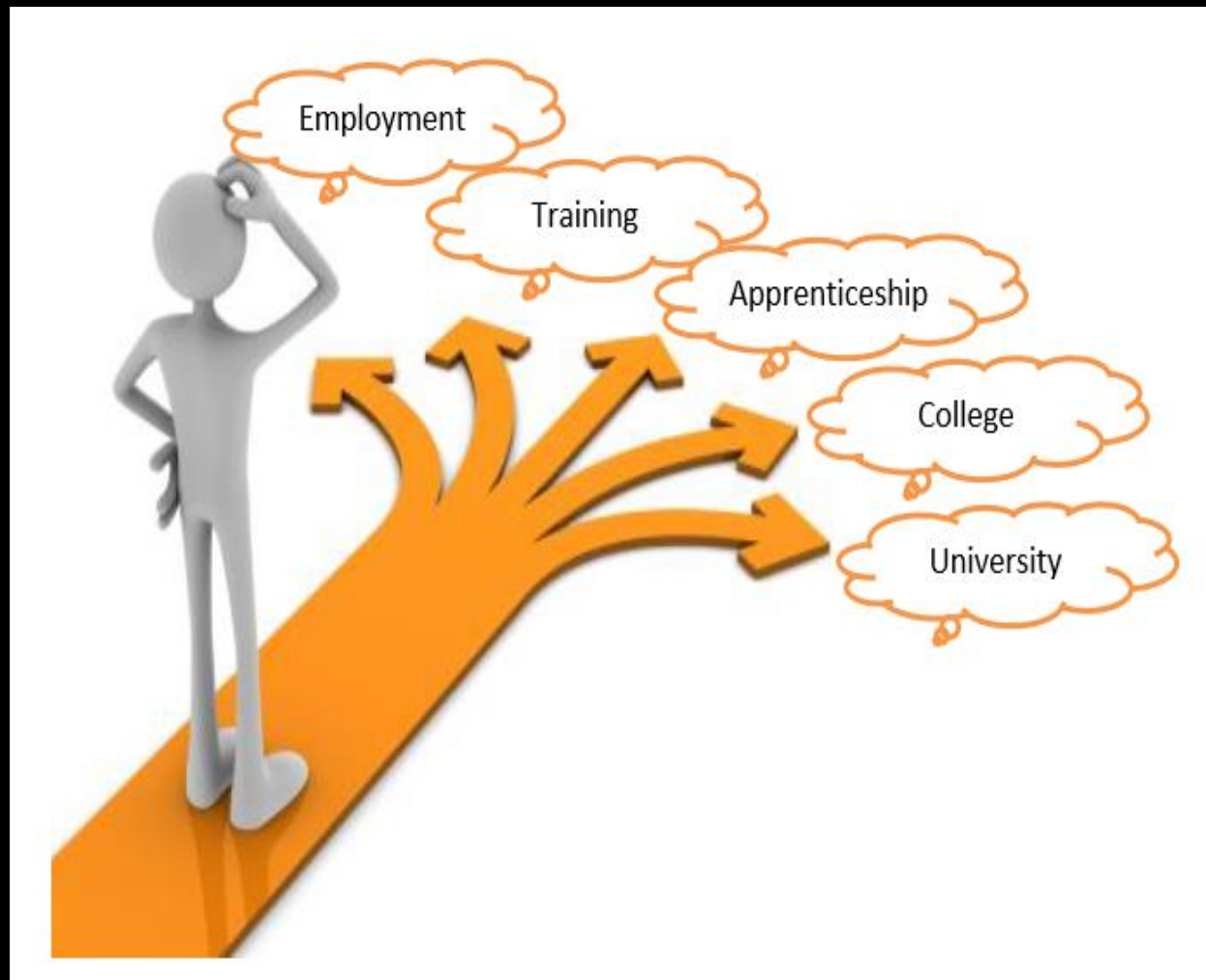


Inverclyde Academy

Senior Phase Options

Progressing to Session 2023-24

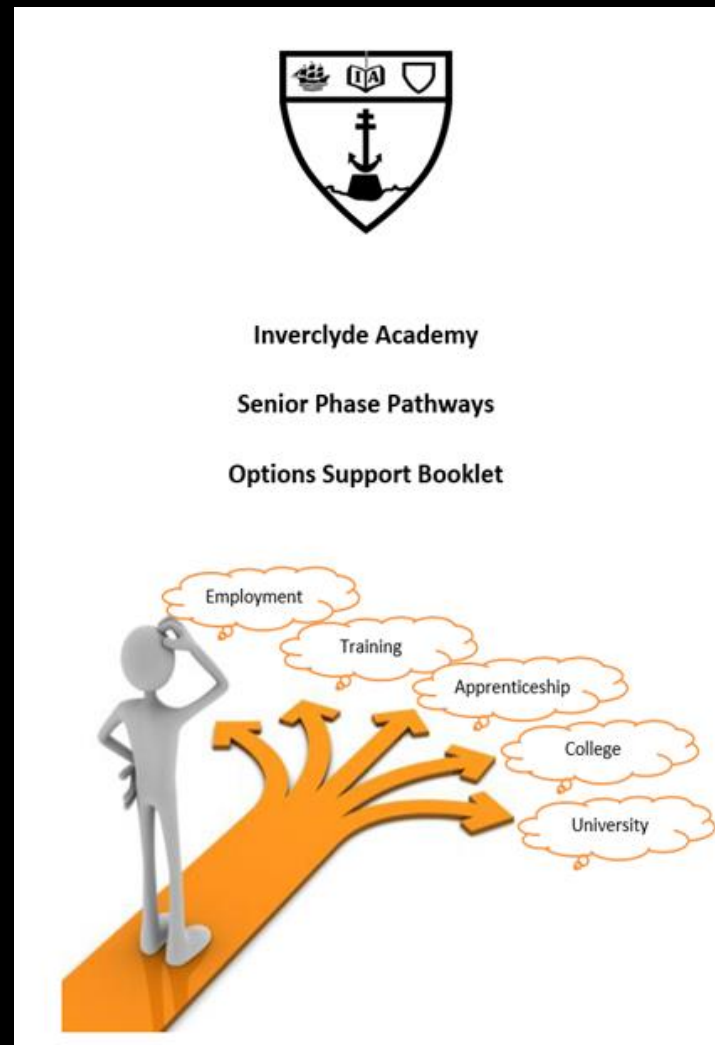




This information applies to all year groups
moving into or through the Senior Phase at
Inverclyde Academy:

S4 into S5 Options
&
S5 into S6 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.



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 S4 and S5, use your exam results carefully – progress in the subjects where you have been successful.
- ✓ 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 S5/6, if your subjects are all N3-5 – you must choose 5 subjects and the ELECTIVE column.
- In S5/6, if you are selecting at least one Higher – you must choose 5 subjects and attend a period of core PSE and core DYW each week.
- S6 only – if you are selecting an Adv Higher, then you can drop one column option for each AH you take but the minimum subjects anyone can have is 3.

**S6 are expected to use any free columns gained from AH study productively and will be offered volunteering, placement and work experience opportunities in August.*





School Subject Options



English

ICT

Art

Maths

Modern
Languages

RMPS

Social Subjects

Design
Technology

Health &
Wellbeing

Sciences

Performing Arts

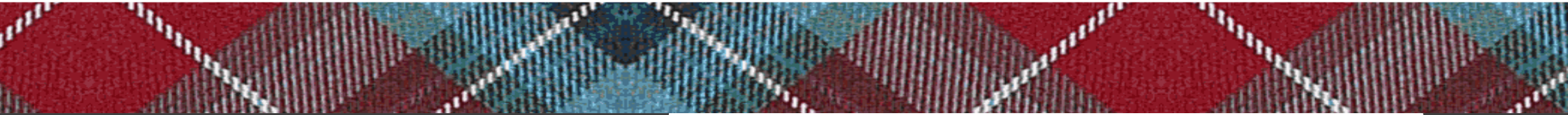
Lots of new
courses to
select from...

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 – S5/6

Course	SCQF	Credits
Automotive Maintenance	Level 3/4	IMI Award
Automotive Body & Paint Repair	Level 3/4	IMI Award
Motorcycle Repair & Maintenance	Level 3/4	IMI Award
Introduction to Plumbing	Level 4	2 Units
NPA Professional Cookery with Bakery	Level 4	National Progression Award
Begin Makeup Artistry	Level 4	National Progression Award
Skills for Work Hairdressing	Level 4	Group Award
Skills for Work Construction Craft	Level 5	Group Award
Skills for Work Hospitality	Level 5	Group Award
Skills for Work Childcare	Level 5	Group Award
NPA Computer Games Development	Level 5	National Progression Award
NPA TV Production	level 5	National Progression Award
Engineering	Level 5	Group Award
Data Science	Level 5	National progression award
NQ Cabin Crew with Airport Operations	Level 5	NQ college cert & SQA units
NPA Criminology	Level 5	National Progression Award
NPA Sport – intro to developing sporting performance	Level 6	National Progression Award
Microbiology & Pharmacology for Healthcare	Level 6	(2) 0.5 credits (2) 1 Credit
Access to Early Years with Primary Teaching	Level 6	TBC
Higher Psychology	Level 6	Higher NQ
PDA Office Admin	Level 7	Personal development award
Human Body Structure & Function	Level 8	Infill

College Foundation Apprenticeships

FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS			
COURSE	SCQF LEVEL	TIMETABLE	TIME
Construction Skills	Level 5 (1 column)	Tues & Thurs pm	1.30 – 4
Accountancy	Level 6 (2 columns)	Tues, Wed, Thu & Fri pm	1.30 – 4
Food Technology	Level 6 (2 columns)	Tues & Thu pm	1.30 – 4
		Wed FULL DAY (Work Placement after Oct Break)	9.30 – 4
Engineering Systems	Level 6 (2 columns)	Tues, Thu & Fri FULL DAY (Block Work Placement also)	9.30 – 4
Healthcare	Level 6 (2 columns)	Tues & Thu pm	1.30 – 4
		Wed FULL DAY (Work Placement after Oct Break)	9.30 – 4

What is a Foundation Apprenticeship

- A partnership qualification between WCS & SDS
- Aimed at pupils who have completed National 5s in S4 or are working towards all National 5 level qualifications in S5
- Same level as a Higher (SCQF Level 6)
- During the course you will spend time out of school at college and with a local employer

Why choose a Foundation Apprenticeship?

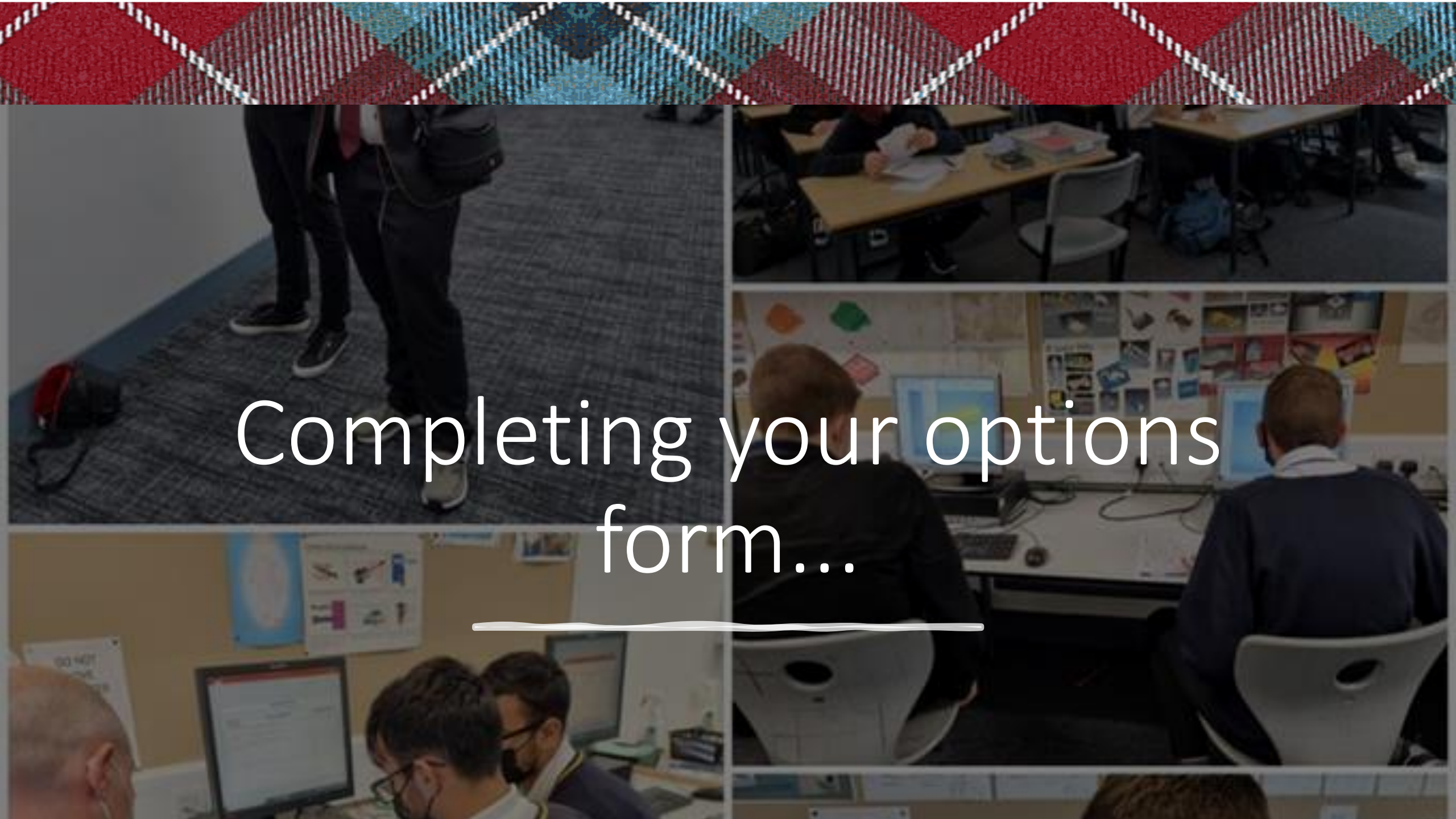
- Gives you hands on experience & skills that employers want whilst working on real projects with employers
- Get a taste of your chosen career before you leave school whilst achieving N5s and Highers
- Get an option for accelerated entry to a Modern Apprenticeship after school

You must also complete the online application form for West College Scotland at:

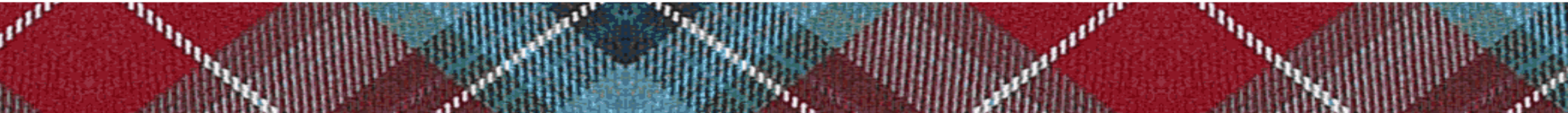
<https://www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk/courses/foundation-apprenticeship/apply-now/>

College HNC Infill – S6 only

COURSE	SCQF LEVEL	DAYS - TBC
HNC Travel & Tourism	Level 7	HNC (Mon & Tues all day)
HNC Music	Level 7	HNC (Tues & Thurs all day)
HNC TV Production	Level 7	HNC (Tues & Thurs all day)
HNC Sound Production	Level 7	HNC (Tues & Thurs all day)
HNC Fitness, Health & Exercise	Level 7	HNC (4 afternoons/infill)
HNC Sport Coaching & Development	Level 7	HNC (4 afternoons/infill)




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 ☐

What year 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 1: All about you...

Please tick the boxes that apply to you

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

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

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 Woodwork				
	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
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	

Section 3: Current Subjects & Levels

Use the boxes below to tick the correct subjects and levels for your course.



Tick (✓)	Subject	Nat 4 / L4	Nat 5 / L5	Higher / L6	Adv Higher
RMPS	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"/>



Progressing into S5 or S6 within Inverclyde Academy

We offer you a free choice in IA, this means 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.

Hi Jill, when you submit this form, the owner will be able to see your name and email address.

* Required

All about you...

Complete this section with your personal details.

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What is your first name? *

Enter your answer

2

What is your email address? *

Enter your answer

Career Planning

Making the correct option choices is key to ensure you achieve your goals. The questions below which are linked to your career plan will help you to achieve your goals.

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Option Choices

Select the subject choices from the list below that you would like to choose to progress in when you are in S5 or S6 - remember all that was highlighted to you in the virtual assembly about progression and making informed choices.

In S5 you MUST select 6 subjects if you are not studying any Highers and 5 subjects if you are taking at least Higher.

If you are in S6 and are studying AH then you remove 1 selection for each AH to a minimum of 3.

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Select the subjects from the list below

☐ N4 English

☐ N5 English

☐

West College Scotland Transition



Pupil Checklist & Agreement

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

Subjects that are not offered within IA. Places are limited and more details will be available once you MUST select a school-based alternative to college until you have been notified.

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



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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!