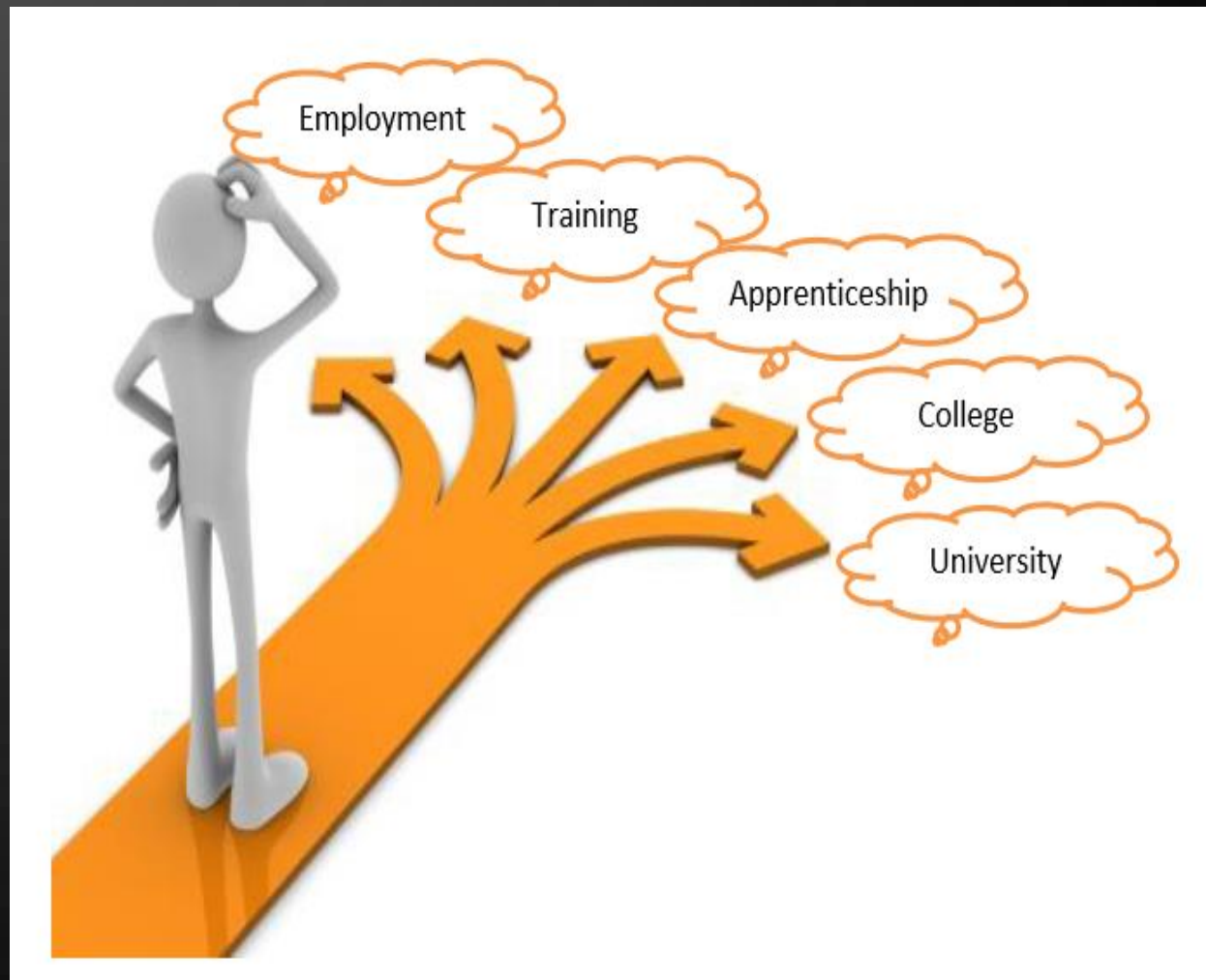



INVERCLYDE ACADEMY

SENIOR PHASE OPTIONS

PROGRESSING TO  
ACADEMIC SESSION  
2024-25





THIS INFORMATION APPLIES TO ALL  
YEAR GROUPS MOVING INTO OR  
THROUGH THE SENIOR PHASE AT  
INVERCLYDE ACADEMY:

S3 INTO S4 OPTIONS  
&  
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.

## Senior Phase Options Choice Guidance: 2024



**Inverclyde Academy**



Your Pupil Support Teacher will guide you through it in PSE/DYW in the coming weeks 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. Dentistry.
- ✓ 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 final report (due out shortly).
- ✓ 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.

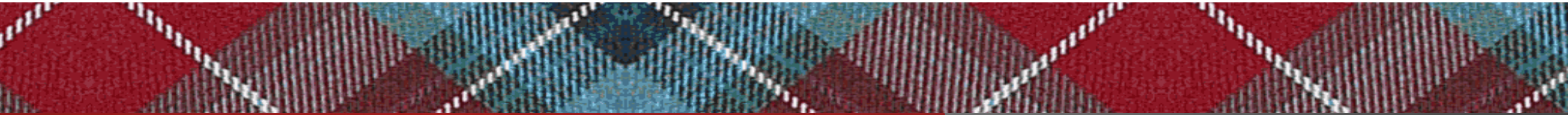
Pupils must follow a set number of courses in S4, S5 and S6 as indicated below:

- S4 – English/ESOL and Maths plus 4 courses must be selected at levels 3-5
- S5/6 – 5 courses must be selected if not studying any courses at L7
- S6 only – 5 courses (minus one for each Level 7 course to a minimum of 3)

S4 & S5 should also note that they are not permitted to ‘crash’ new subjects unless specifically agreed with subject and Guidance teachers. You must make choices based on the subjects you are already taking. **‘Crashing’ is only available in S6.**

*\*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.*





Receding Colours

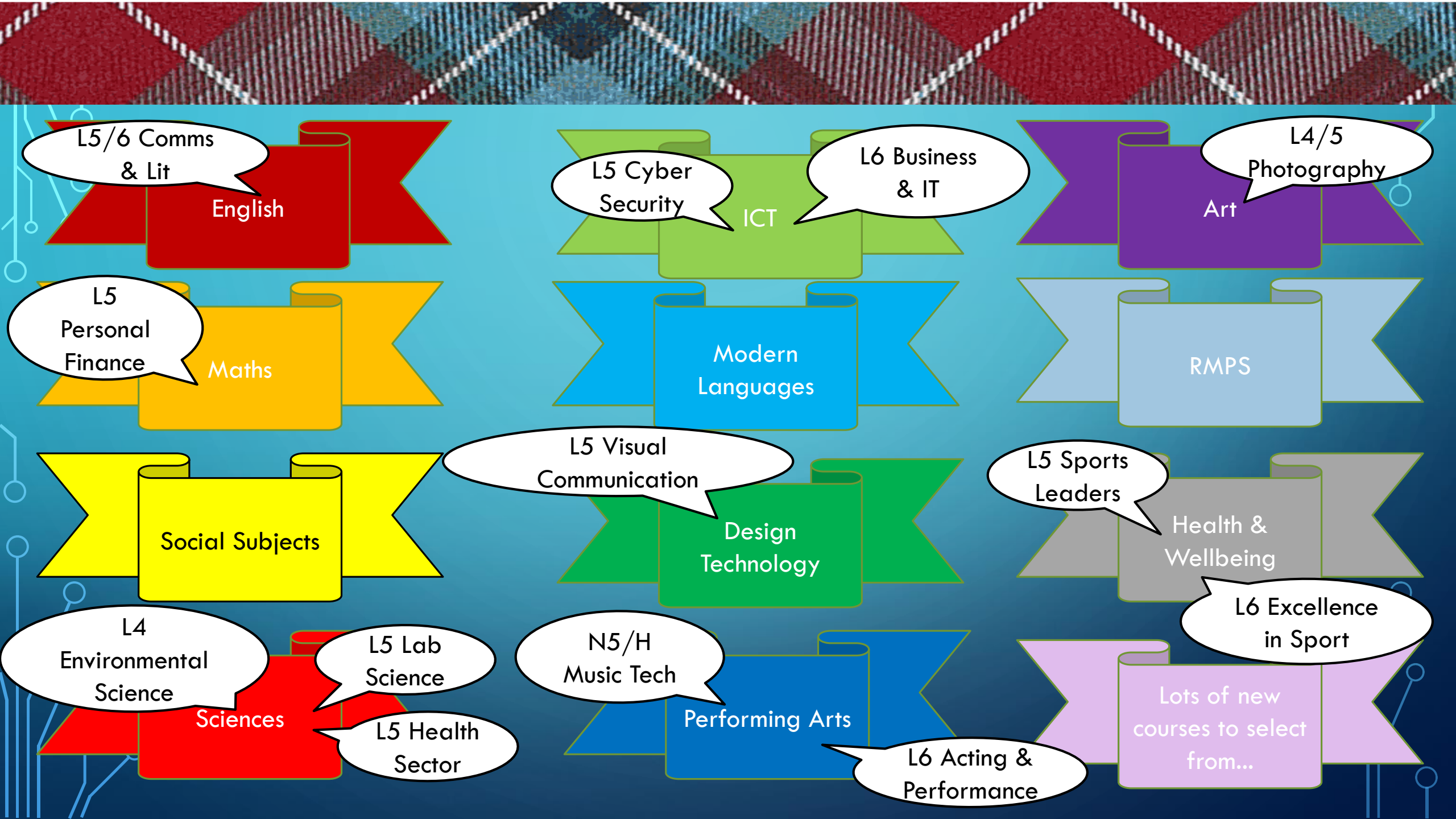
- Receding colours appear to move into the background when you look at them.
- Advancing colours are cold colours:
  - blue
  - green
  - violet

Harmonising Colours

- Harmonising colours are beside each other on the colour wheel.
- The following colours are harmonious:
  - Yellow & Orange
  - Red & Violet
  - Blue & Green

# SCHOOL SUBJECT OPTIONS





L5/6 Comms & Lit  
English

L5 Cyber Security  
ICT  
L6 Business & IT

L4/5 Photography  
Art

L5 Personal Finance  
Maths

Modern Languages

RMPS

Social Subjects

L5 Visual Communication  
Design Technology

L5 Sports Leaders  
Health & Wellbeing

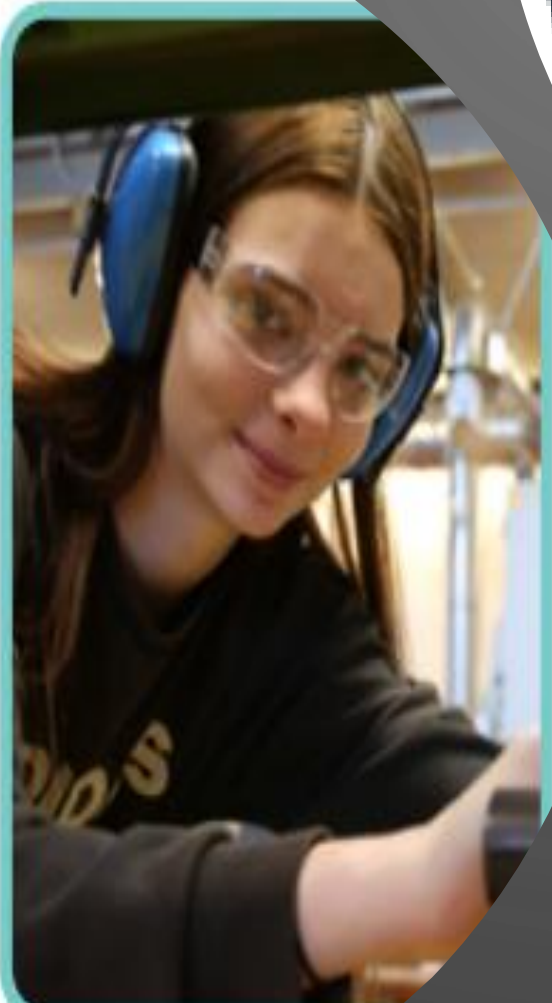
L4 Environmental Science  
Sciences  
L5 Lab Science  
L5 Health Sector

N5/H Music Tech  
Performing Arts  
L6 Acting & Performance

L6 Excellence in Sport  
Lots of new courses to select from...

// The lecturers are great and have helped me learn new skills and build my confidence. //

Inverclyde Academy pupil  
Revna McWilliams



WEST COLLEGE  
SCOTLAND



COLLEGE OPTIONS





# College Vocational Options – S4

Course Name	SCQF Level	Campus
Intro to Professional Cookery	Levels 3-5	Finnart St
Childcare	Level 4	Waterfront
Intro to Hair, Makeup & Beauty	Level 4	Finnart St
Rock School Live Performance	Level 4	Finnart St
Construction	Level 4	Finnart St
Computer Games Development	Level 4	Finnart St
Intro to Automotive Refinishing (IMI Level 3)	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
Sport	Level 5	Finnart St

# College Vocational Options – S5/6

Course	SCQF	Course Credit
Intro to Automotive Maintenance	Level 4	IMI Award
Intro to Automotive Body Repair	Level 4	IMI Award
Introduction to Plumbing	Level 4	2 Units
Professional Cookery with Bakery	Level 4	National Progression Award
Hairdressing	Level 4	Skills for Work
Uniformed Emergency Services	Level 4	Skills for Work
Construction Skills	Level 5	National Progression Award
Early Learning & Childcare	Level 5	Skills for Work
Computer Games Development	Level 5	National Progression Award
TV Production	Level 5/6	National Progression Award
Engineering	Level 5	Skills for Work
Cyber Security with Data Science	Level 5	National Progression Award
Beauty & Hairstyling	Level 5	National Progression Award
Criminology	Level 5	National Progression Award
Sport	Level 5-7	National Progression Award
<b>S6 ONLY</b>		
Higher Psychology	Level 6	Higher NQ
Higher Childcare & Development	Level 6	Higher NQ
Science Practical Skills for Progression	Level 7	Infill
Human Body Structure & Function	Level 8	Infill
<b>ONLINE ONLY</b>		
Politics	Level 7	Personal Development Award
History	Level 7	Personal Development Award
Sociology	Level 7	Personal Development Award



# College Foundation Apprenticeships

COURSE TITLE	LOCATION	LEVEL	TIMETABLE
Construction Skills	Greenock	Level 5	Tues & Thurs pm
Accountancy	Paisley	Level 6	Tues-Fri pm
Engineering Systems	Paisley	Level 6	Tues/Thurs/Fri all day
Social Services Children & YP	Greenock	Level 6	TBC

## 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
- Majority takes 2 years to complete and is 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
HNC Music	Level 7	HNC (2.5 days TBC)
HNC TV Production	Level 7	HNC (2.5 days TBC)
HNC Sound Production	Level 7	HNC (2.5 days TBC)



# Completing your options form...





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

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.



### Inverclyde Academy – S3 into S4 Options Form



The information below is for Guidance as you prepare to make your final choices. When choosing your courses, you must decide what subjects and level of course would suit you best. To help you make your choice, you should consider your abilities, future career needs and interests as these will determine which pathway you should follow.

You should find out which courses and levels of qualification are needed for the college, university, apprenticeship or employment pathway you have in mind. Do not assume you know what they expect; you could be surprised by some of the entry requirements so ensure you have done your research before making your choices.

Discussing your ideas and research with subject teachers can also be of huge benefit as they know a great deal about the pathways linked to curricular areas.

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. On the grid below, you must pick ONE SUBJECT in EVERY COLUMN.
  2. You must then write a RESERVE subject at the bottom.
  3. Once checked and agreed by your Pupil Support Teacher, final options will be completed electronically on your House Teams page.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ HOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

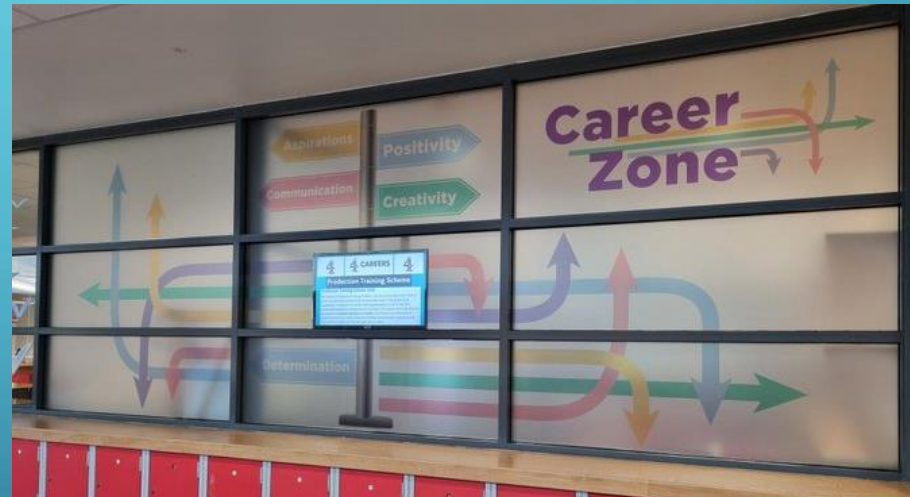
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<b>Levels 3, 4, &amp; 5</b>	L5 Visual Comms	L5 Cyber Security	L5 Health Sector	L5 Applied Lab Science	N3/4 English	N3/4 Maths
	N4/5 Admin & IT	N4 <u>Env</u> Science	N4/5 Business <u>Mgt</u>	L5 Business & IT	N5 English	N5 Maths
	N4/5 Art	N4/5 Biology	N4/5 Computing	L5 Photography	N3/4/5 ESOL	
	N4/5 Biology	N4/5 Chemistry	N4/5 D&M	N4/5 Admin & IT		
	N4/5 D&M	N4/5 Computing	N4/5 Geography	N4/5 French		
	N4/5 PE Team Sport	N4/5 Drama	N4/5 History	N4/5 Graph <u>Comm</u>		
		N4/5 PE Team Sport	N4/5 Modern Studies	N4/5 History		
		N4/5 <u>Prac</u> Woodwork	N4/5 Music	N4/5 Music		
			N4/5 Physics	N4/5 Music Tech		
			N4/5 <u>Prac</u> Cookery	N4/5 PE Aesthetics		
			N4/5 Spanish	N4/5 Physics		
				N4/5 <u>Prac</u> Cookery		

RESERVE SUBJECT & LEVEL (from list above but cannot be something you have already selected): \_\_\_\_\_



## HELP AVAILABLE TO YOU:

- ✓ Resources on Teams & the school website
- ✓ Research – gather up to date information on your chosen career
- ✓ Discussions with:
  - Subject teachers
  - Pupil Support teachers
  - Larry from SDS
  - DHT
  - Parents/carers



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!