

S3 Curriculum Evening

14th February 2019



Prayer

Lord,

We pray for our young people as they begin to make important choices in their lives.

May they be blessed with the strength, confidence and determination to nurture their gifts and develop their talents to the full.

St. Columba.....pray for us.





Introduction

– N. Devine

**Curriculum Structure
& Options**

– M. Goodfellow

Pastoral Support

– S. McFadden

**College Courses
West College Scotland**

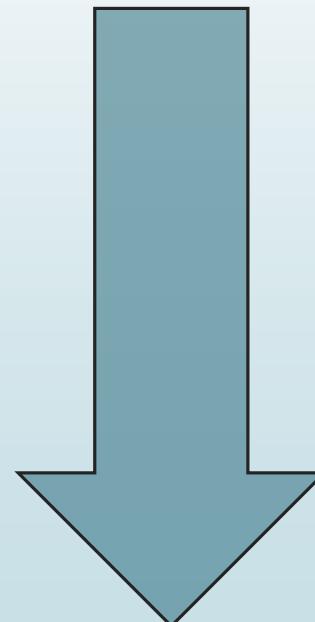
– S. Rodgers

~6.30pm Curricular displays & Careers Fayre (games hall)

Transition



Broad General Education (S1-S3)



Continuation of learning
(not a new start)

Senior Phase (S4-S6)

Progression



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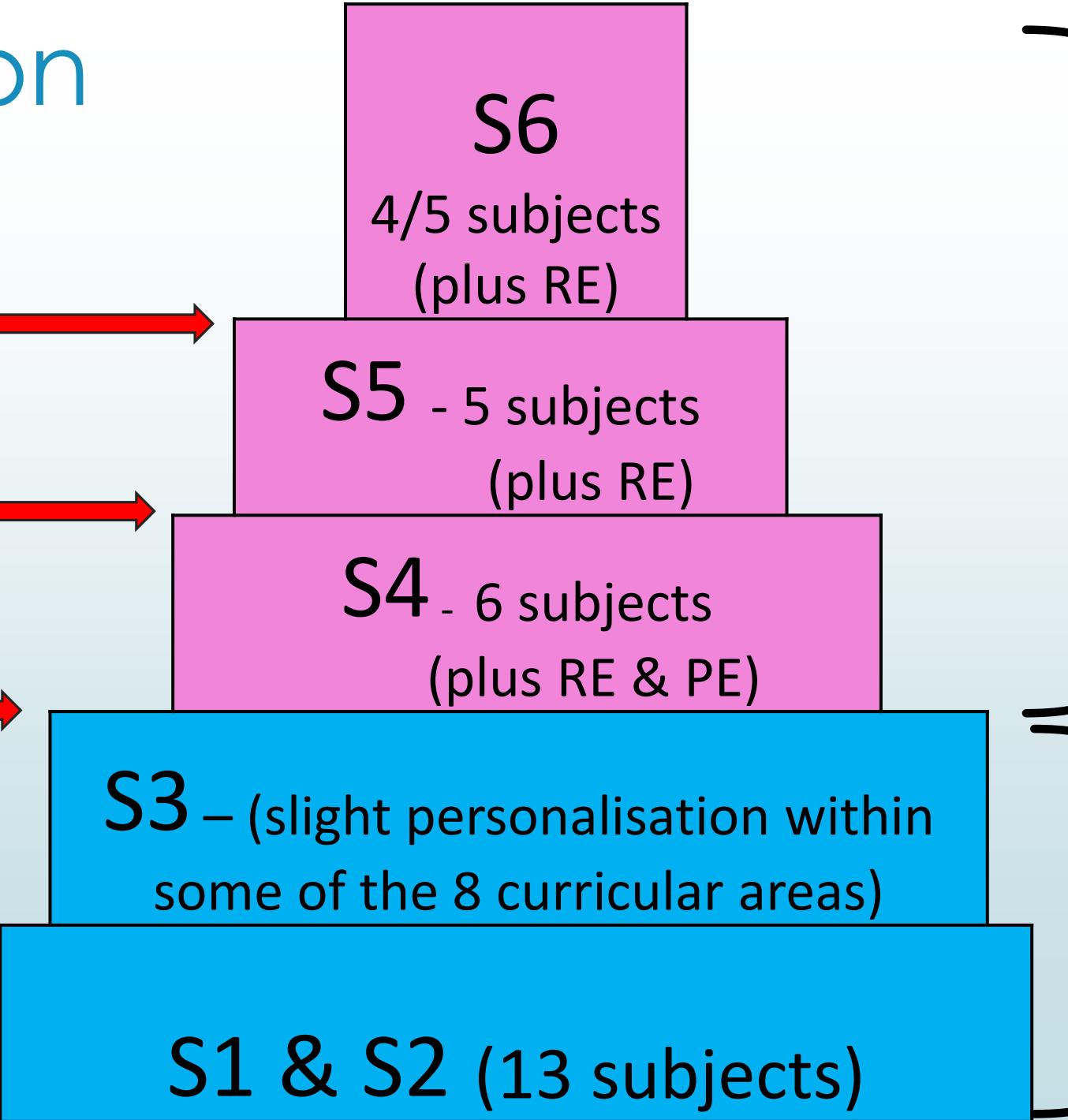
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**Senior
Phase**

**National
Qualifications**

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**Curriculum for
Excellence**

National Qualifications

- National 3, National 4, National 5, NPAs, Higher, Advanced Higher
- Most pupils will work at N4 or N5 level in S4



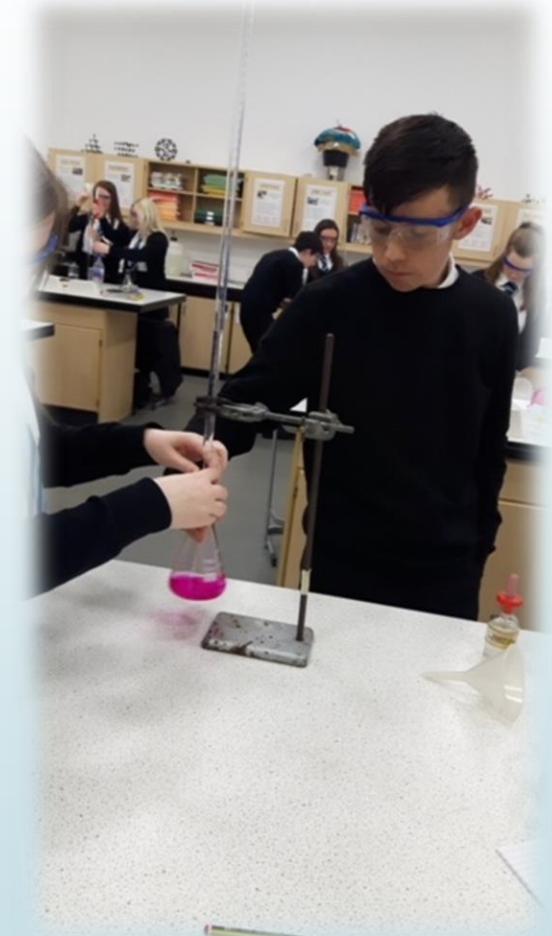
National 4

- N4 equivalent to old Standard Grade General level
- Internally assessed
- No final exam
- Graded as pass/fail
- Can lead on to N5



National 5

- N5 equivalent to old Standard Grade Credit level.
- External examination
- Assignment or folio in some subject areas
- Graded A,B,C and D
- Can lead on to Higher



Option Choices

- 6 subjects in S4 for qualifications.
- Maths & English are compulsory.
- So S3 must choose 4 subjects from over 22 options.
- This is a free choice!



S3 into S4 --- Mock Option Form --- January 2019



Name: _____ Class: _____

English, Maths, RE and PE remain core subjects in the S4 curriculum.

Please choose **any 4** additional subjects to study in S4 from the following options:

• French	• Health Sector (Skills for Work) *	• Physical Education
• Spanish	• Admin & IT	• Drama
• History	• Computing	• Hospitality: Practical Cookery
• Geography	• Business Management	• Fashion & Textiles
• Modern Studies	• Enterprise & Employability *	• Art & Design
• Social Subjects (N4)	• Graphic Communication	• Music
• Biology	• Design & Manufacture	• Music Technology
• Chemistry	• Practical Woodwork	
• Physics		

COLLEGE Wednesday afternoons (see over)

Subjects with an * will only run depending on uptake. If you choose one of these please write a second choice below.

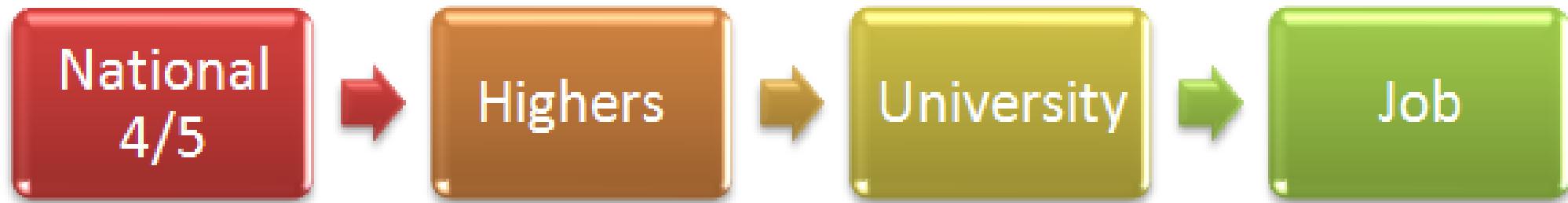
The 4 subjects I would like to study in S4 are:				
If * is not available my second choice is:				

What should you consider?

- Where does the young person want to go?
 - University?
 - College?
 - Apprenticeship?
 - Training?
 - Job?
 - Somewhere else?

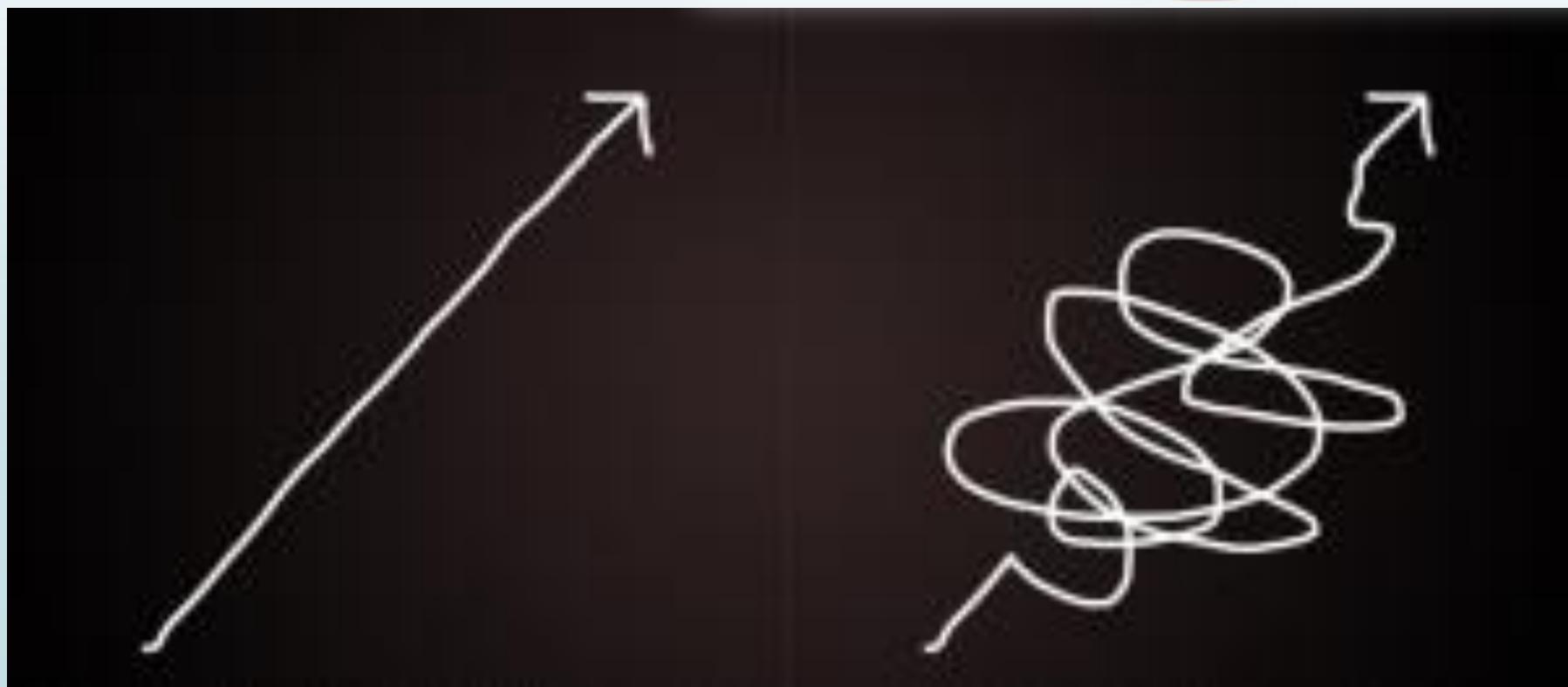


How will they get there?





Which way now?



Choice should be based on:

- Skills and strengths
- Enjoyment/interest
- If a subject is needed for future career / college / university
- Keeping options open
- A recommendation of a particular level in that subject



Don't worry – we're here to help!



S3→S4 timeline

- Feb - Interviews with Careers advisor and then Guidance Teacher
- End of Feb - Final option choices made
- ~ 22nd May - new timetable begins - S3 become S4



Further Information

- National Qualifications: www.sqa.org.uk/cfeforeparents
- What you can do to support your child, visit:
www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk
 - ▶ Scottish Government videos on impact of CfE
www.engageforeducation.org/cfefilms
 - ▶ A mobile friendly site, which offers a wide range of information about career and learning opportunities in Scotland
www.planitplus.net
 - ▶ Making the most of career potential throughout life
www.myworldofwork.co.uk
 - ▶ UCAS course search tool www.ucas.com



Courses at West College Scotland

S. Rodger



Wednesday afternoon classes 1:30-4:00pm

Engineering

Construction

Laboratory Skills

Hair/Beauty and Makeup combination

Computer Games Development

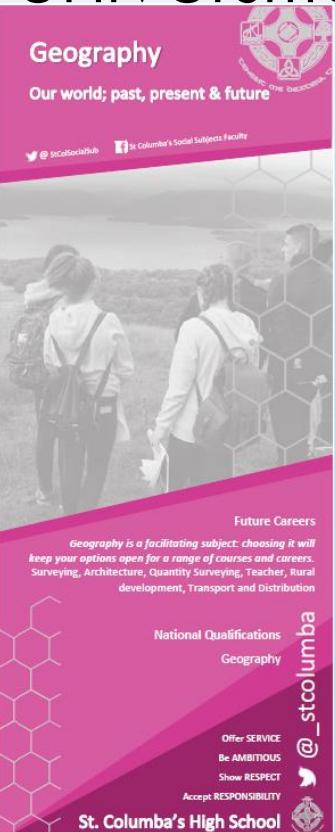
TV Production/ sound production

Sport

Childcare

Subject displays & Careers Fayre

Representatives from the
World of Work
& range of
universities/colleges



School Uniform

black trousers / black skirt

white shirt

school tie

black jumper / black cardigan

black shoes / all black trainers

S1-3: black blazer with school badge

S4-6: black blazer with blue braiding and school badge.



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