

Braidhurst High School
Tuesday 28th November 2018



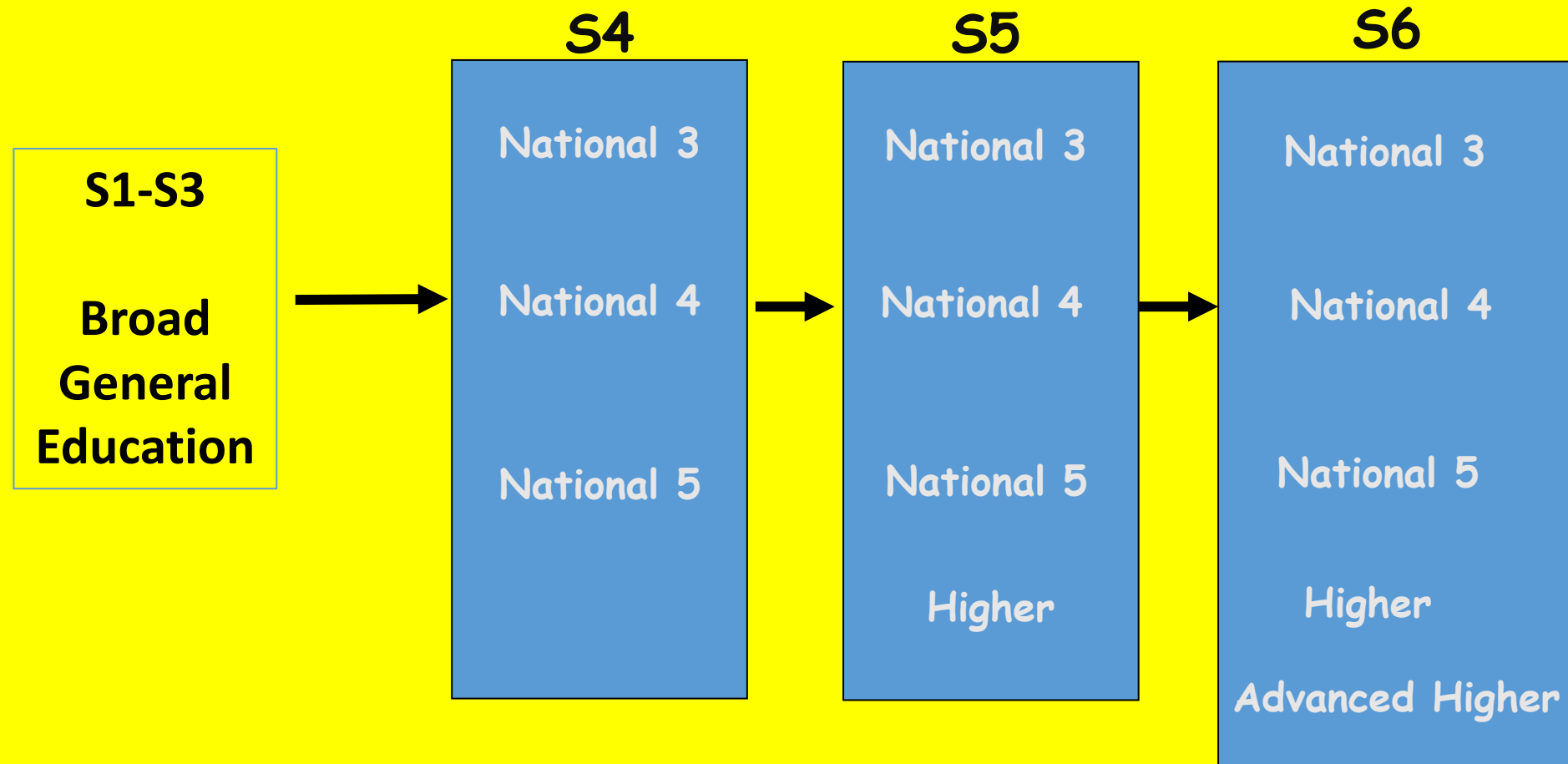
Our vision and values

Braidhurst to be a school where everyone's voice matters in shaping the educational opportunities for our young people to help them succeed.

A school which is based on integrity, empathy and respect where we have the trust and courage to try and inspire each other.



Option in Senior Phase



National 3

- Units are completed and marked in school – pass or fail basis
- No final exam
- If all units are passed then a National 3 is achieved



National 4

- Units are completed and marked in school – again on a pass or fail basis
- They will undertake an Assignment called an Added Value Unit or AVU for short – must be completed to achieve a course award
- There is no final exam
- If all units and the AVU are passed then a National 4 course award is achieved



National 5 (N5) has changed

Last session

- Units and coursework needed to be passed plus final exam to gain a full course award
- If a pupil failed National 5 it was possible to gain a National 4 course award

From this session

- No unit assessments
- Assignment remains (more content/challenge)
- Final exam remains (more content/challenge/longer)



SCQF Level 5 units

- Previous N5 units are now available as SCQF Level units
- These units do not match the new course as some of the content is different
- Some departments may use this to ensure pupils receive a qualification and prepare for presentation in the following year for the N5 course award



Why has National 5 changed?

- Pressure on young people – too many unit assessments
- Workload on teachers – marking burden



Implications of change

- Pupils will be awarded a National 5 course pass (graded A-C) if they pass the combination of assignment and final exam.
- Pupils will gain a National 5 D award if they get 40-49% overall.
- If they gain less than 40% they fail National 5 – the option to have National 4 to fall back on is more difficult to achieve due to unit awards at National 5 level



Tracking Progress in Senior Phase

- Learners are currently on most appropriate pathway
- 2nd tracking report out at end of this month
- Parent Meeting 28th November
- Ongoing monitoring of progress
- January prelims

