



Castle Douglas High School Options Information Evening



Aims of the evening:

To explain the subject preference form and how we created the form

To explain the changes we have made to the S3 curriculum

To explain the recommendation and interview process



To answer any questions





Option Form



	Castle Douglas High School S3 Subject Preference Form				
<p>We are delighted to offer the chance to select five subjects to study alongside English, Maths, Personal and Social Education, Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies, Employability, Core Physical Education, Numeracy and Literacy for the next two years. The subjects you select here will most likely become your National Qualification subjects at the end of S3. Please use your recommendations sheet and the information on the other side of this sheet to help you select your preferences. Due to capacity some classes may not run so we ask that you choose both a first and second choice in each column. If your form does not have a first and second choice it will be returned. Anyone who cannot get their first choice will be spoken to individually. Please select subjects that you are making good progress in.</p>					
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	
Biology Business History Physics Practical Woodwork	Chemistry Cyber Security Design and Manufacture French History	Art and Design Biology Environmental Science Geography Spanish	Environmental Science Modern Studies Physical Education Physics	Chemistry Home Economics Geography Music	
1 st Choice:	1 st Choice:	1 st Choice:	1 st Choice:	1 st Choice:	
2 nd Choice:	2 nd Choice:	2 nd Choice:	2 nd Choice:	2 nd Choice:	
Name:	Parental Signature:	PTPS Signature:	Intended career:	Leaving date:	





Load and Capacity



Departmental Teaching Load					
Department:				Date:	Feb-23
Year	Subject	Level of Subject (N4, N5, H, AH)	No of teaching Groups	No of periods per group	Total No of periods required
S1		BGE	6	2	12
S2		BGE	5	2	10
S3		BGE	1	4	4
S4		NQ	1	5	5
S5		H/AH	1	6	6
AH					
			Total Load =		37

Departmental Teaching Capacity					
School:	Castle Douglas High School			Session:	2023-2024
Department:					
Teacher Post	FTE	Periods	Non-Contact Time		Periods Available
			Basic	Management	
	1	35	7		28
	1	12			12
			Total Capacity =		40
			Analysis =		





Load and Capacity



Departmental Teaching Load					
Department:				Date:	Feb-23
Year	Subject	Level of Subject (N4, N5, H, AH)	No of teaching Groups	No of periods per group	Total No of periods required
S1		BGE	2	3	6
S2		BGE	2	3	6
S3		BGE	2	4	8
		BGE	1	4	4
S4		N4 / N5	2	5	10
S5		H	1	6	6
		H	1	6	6
AH					
			Total Load =		46

Departmental Teaching Capacity					
School:	Castle Douglas High School			Session:	2023 2024
Department:					
Teacher Post	FTE	Periods	Non-Contact Time		Periods Available
			Basic	Management	
	1	35	7		28
	0.6	21	6	5	10
	1	12			12
					0
					0
					0
					0
					0
					0
			Total Capacity =		50
			Analysis =		





Pupil Consultation and Creation of form



Pupils were asked if they had a 'free choice' of five subjects for S3 what would they choose.



PTCs then collated the data and created four forms based on this.



A pupil focus group (20 young people) then looked at the forms and clearly narrowed it down to two viable forms.



The whole year group then looked at the two preference forms, completed them and stated what one they preferred.



Subject preference form issued





Changes to the curriculum



Current S3 model

Choose 9 subjects at end of S2 (**including English and Maths. Need to study in every curricular area**)

Also study Core PE, Employability, PSE and RME.

Current S4 model

Choose 6 subjects at end of S3 (**including English and Maths.**)

Also study Core PE, Employability, PSE and RME.

Current S5 model

Choose 5 subjects at end of S4 **Also study Core PE, PSE and Wider Achievement.**

S3 session 2023 / 2024

Choose 7 subjects at end of S2 (**including English and Maths.**)

Also study Core PE, Employability, Numeracy, Literacy, PSE and RME.

S4 session 2024 / 2025

Continue with the 7 subjects from S3 (**including English and Maths.**)

Also study Core PE, Employability, PSE and RME.

S5 session 2025/2026

Choose 5 subjects at end of S4 **Also study Core PE, PSE and Wider Achievement.**





Recommendations and interview process For S3 and S4



Working on or achieved level 4



National 5 or Level 5
Qualifications

Working on or achieved level 3



National 4 Qualifications
(maybe 1 or 2 National or level 5)

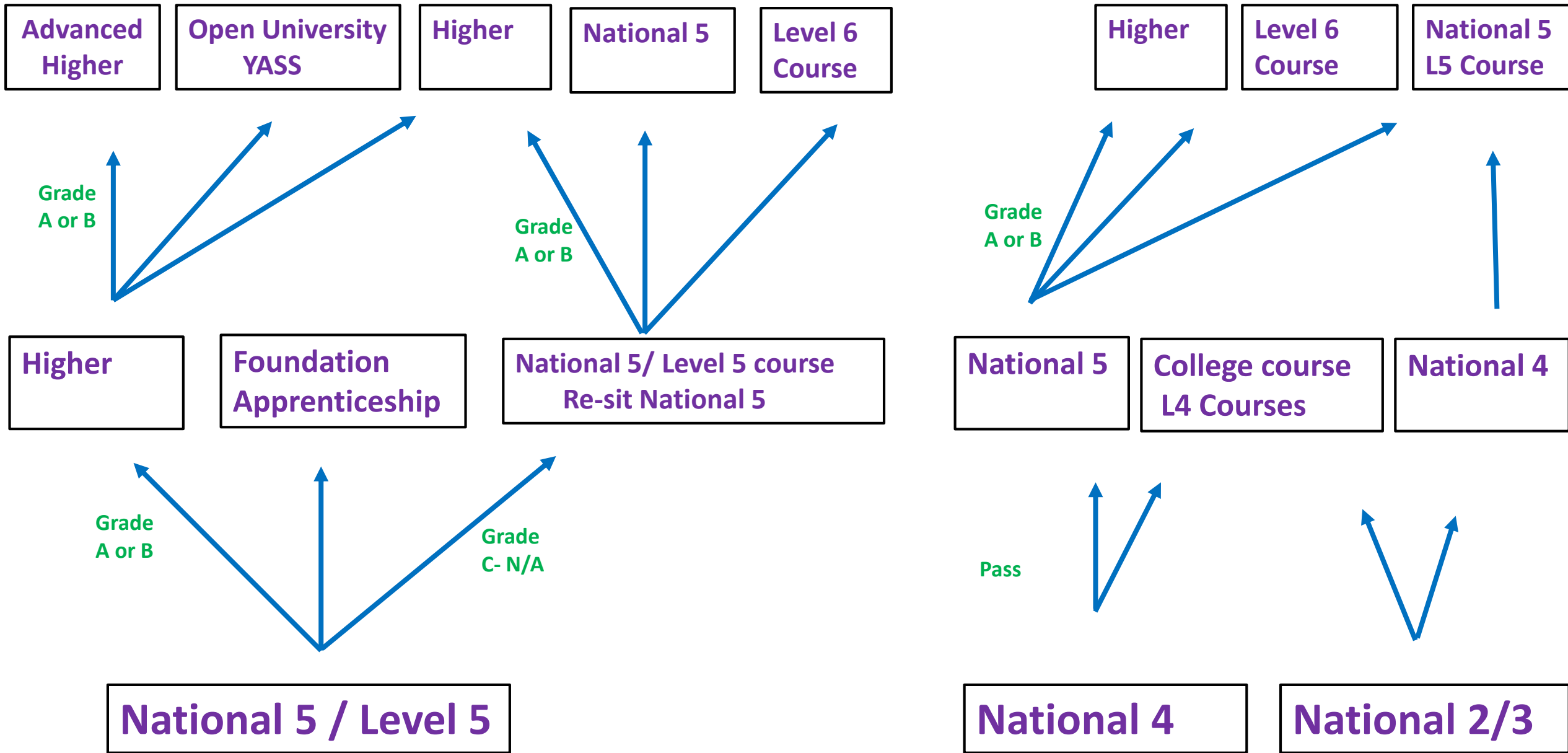
Working on or achieved level 2



National 3 Qualifications
(maybe 1 or 2 National 4)



Progression in the Senior Phase





Recommendations and interview process



Subject request form and recommendations issued



Parental Information Evening



Discussions at home regarding choices



Interviews begin



All forms are submitted and viability of classes are discussed



Contact the Pupil Support Team:

For pastoral issues, careers advice or to raise a general concern regarding an issue with your child's learning, please telephone 01556 502821 or use the email address listed below for your child's Pupil Support Teacher.

Ms Clare McQuade (Solway)	gw13mcquadeclare@ea.dumgal.sch.uk
Mrs Sara Clive (0.6 Threave)	gw08clivesara@ea.dumgal.sch.uk
Mr Mark Ingram (0.4 Threave)	gw21ingrammark@ea.dumgal.sch.uk
Mrs Susan Cathro (Kelton)	gw08cathrosusan@ea.dumgal.sch.uk



Questions



Why
change?

Can a young
person change
their mind?

Can I do Level
5 / National 5
courses in S5?

Why has the
process taken
so long?

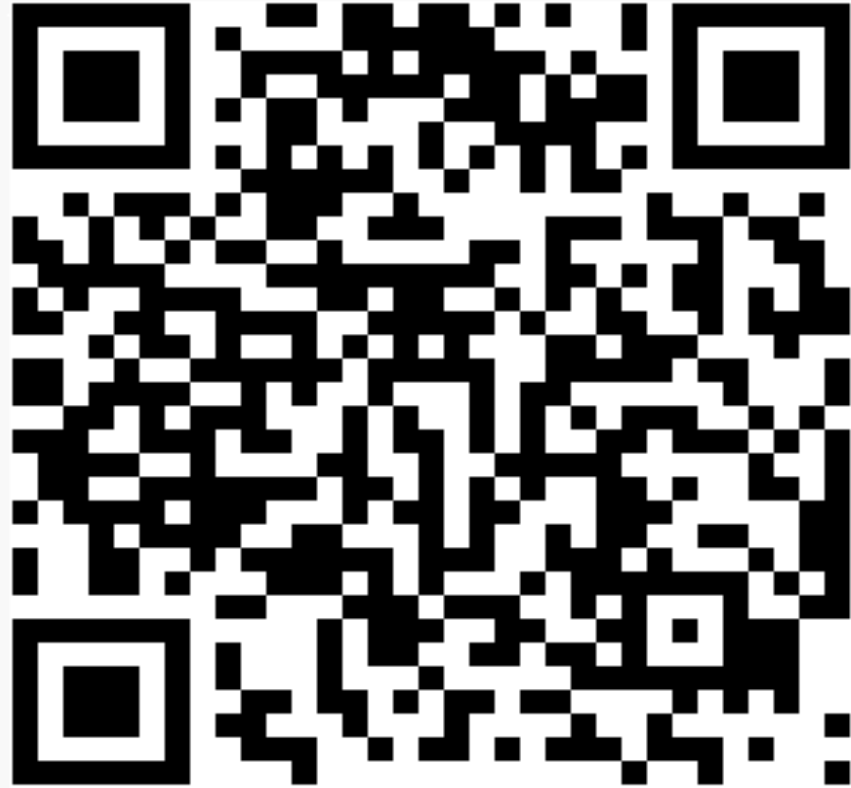
Can we see the
options form in
advance of the
meeting?

Is there scope to
study more than 7
subjects?

Why have
recommendations?



Feedback



<https://forms.office.com/e/hDJ0gvEka9>



Key Dates



	Castle Douglas High School Options Pathways Calendar	
<p>S2 into S3 Pathways Calendar</p> <p>Monday 20th February</p> <p>S2 pupils issued with subject preference forms and recommendations.</p> <p>Tuesday 21st February</p> <p>S1 and S2 parents invited into school at 6.30pm to look at the options process. Follow this link if you would like to attend - https://forms.office.com/e/HWVc8dWcB2 (You will need to use your young person's Glow address.)</p> <p>Monday 27th February</p> <p>Option interviews will begin</p> <p>Wednesday 29th March</p> <p>All preference forms to have been submitted to the school office.</p> <p>Thursday 30th March</p> <p>Individual discussions with pupils to begin regarding over / under subscribed classes.</p>		

