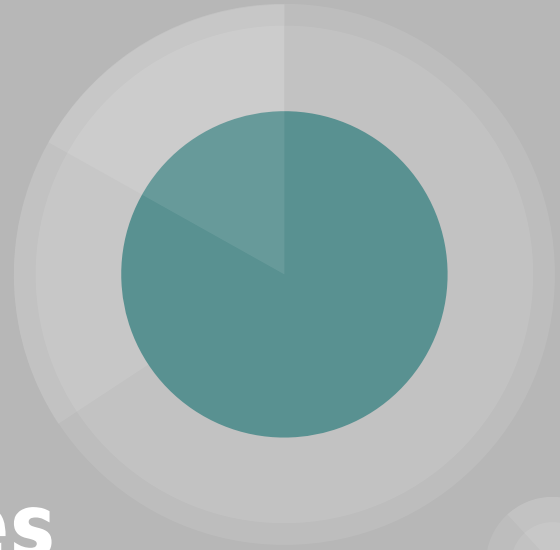


# S2 OPTIONS

## S3/S4 Option Choices

February 2020

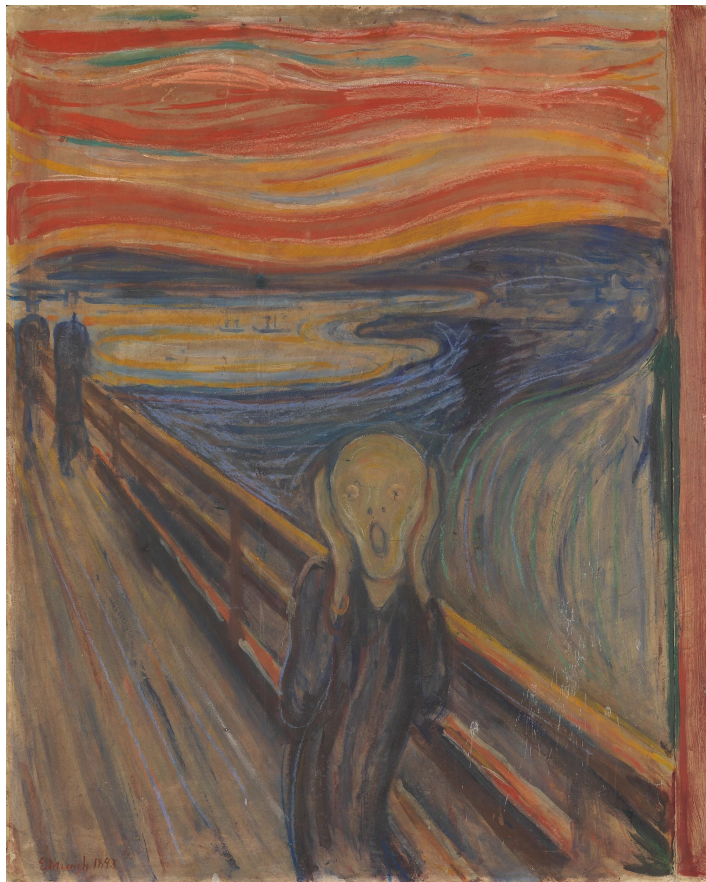


# How did this happen?





**More change!**





# **Current Model Since 2012**

**S1 and S2    Broad General Education (BGE)**

**S3                Continue with BGE - make 9 subject choices**

**S4                Make 6 subjects choices for National Courses**

**Start working towards national qualifications**

**Integrated Senior Phase (S4, S5 and S6 together)**



## **Highland Steer**

All schools required to have an integrated senior phase. All S4 pupils given the opportunity to choose 6 subjects.



## Recent press

- Concern over number of subject choices in S4.
- Concern over attainment in Highland.



**S3**





## **S3**

**Pupils will follow 7 subjects in S3 and continue with these subjects in S4.**





## **Why change, what are the advantages?**

- National Qualifications - 7 subjects.
- More time. Opportunity to introduce different learning opportunities in class and whole school.
- Rigour in S3.
- Continuity S3 - S4.
- Additional qualifications through NPAs.



# **What are NPAs?**

## **National Progression Awards**

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/46552.html>

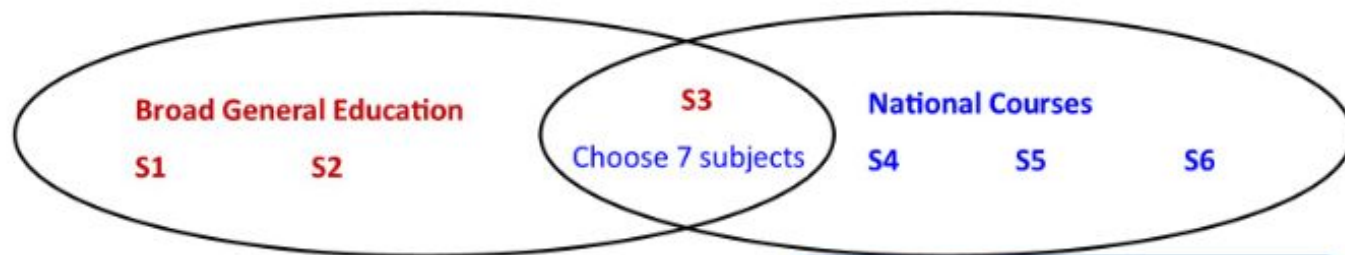


## **What are NPAs?**

All S3 pupils will complete an NPA languages.

NPAs also available as options e.g. Games Making -  
Digital Media - Health Science

Available at SCQF Level 4 and Level 5



What does your monitoring and tracking say in S1 and S2?

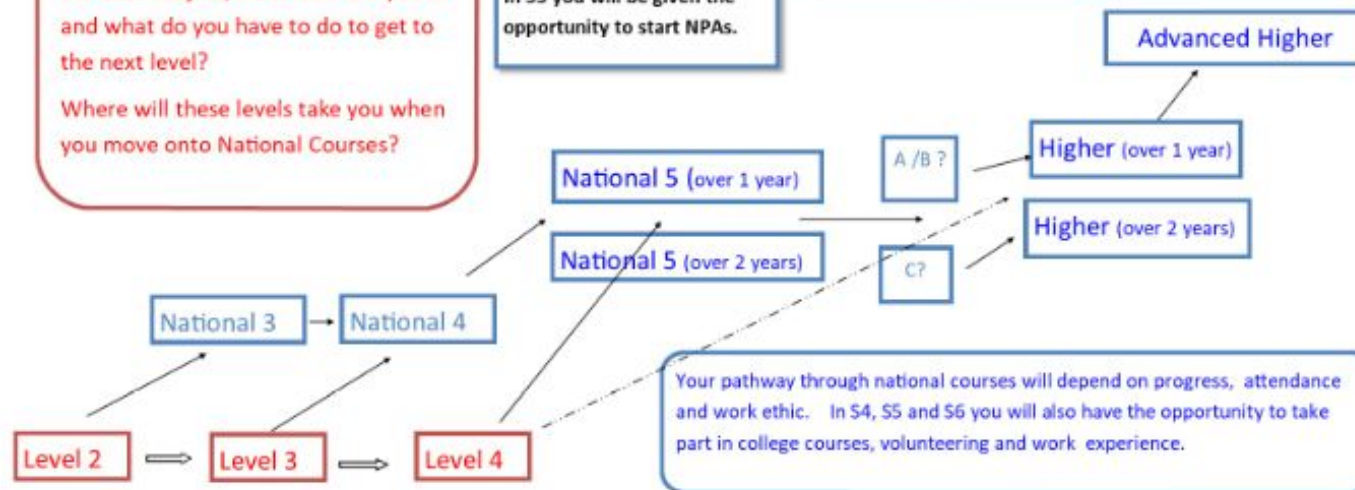
For each subject, what level are you at and what do you have to do to get to the next level?

Where will these levels take you when you move onto National Courses?

**National Progression Awards  
NPAs**

In S3 you will be given the opportunity to start NPAs.

What targets have you set? Are your targets aspirational and realistic? Are you on target? If not, what do you have to do differently?





**SCQF**

**Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework**

<https://scqf.org.uk/interactive-framework/>

# The option form

**All pupils follow the core subjects in S3:**

English 4 periods

**Maths**      **4 periods**

PE 2 periods

## RMPS - Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies 1 period

**PSE - Personal and Social Education      1 period      (12 periods)**

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Class:</b>	
<b>PT Guidance checked and approved:</b>			

Subject	Teacher Recommended level	Please tick	Level (circle one)
<b>OPTION A (4 periods per week)</b>			
Biology National 5			N5
Biology National 4 / 3			N4 N3
Geography National 5 / 4			N5
History National 5 / 4			N5 N4
Modern Studies National 5 / 4 / 3			N5 N4 N3
NPA Science - Health Sector/Energy			
Physics National 5			N5
<b>Subject in An Caladh *</b>	TBC		
<b>OPTION B (4 periods per week)</b>			
Chemistry National 5			N5
Chemistry National 4 / 3			N4 N3
<u>Crunn-eolas</u>			
Geography National 5 / 4			N5 N4
History National 5			N5
History National 4 / 3			N4 N3
Philosophy National 5 only			N5
<b>Subject in An Caladh *</b>	TBC		
<b>Tutorial**</b>			
<b>OPTION C (4 periods per week)</b>			
Art & Design National 5 / 4			N5 N4
Business Management National 5 / 4			N5 N4
<u>Gaidhlig</u>			
Gaelic National 5 / 4			N5 N4
Geography National 4 / 3			N4 N3
NPA Digital Media/Games Development			
Physical Education National 5 / 4			N5 N4
Woodwork National 5 / 4			N5 N4
<b>Subject in An Caladh *</b>	TBC		



# The option form

In addition to the core subjects pupils choose 1 subject from option columns A - E.

Each of these subjects is timetabled for 4 periods each week.

(5 x 4            20 periods)

All pupils complete NPA languages (1 period)





## **The option form:**

- **Pick one subject from options A - E.**
- **Can only pick a subject once.**
- **Must enter recommended grade.**
- **Cannot choose a subject at a higher grade than recommended.**



# Online option information

[http://www.dingwallacademy.com/senior\\_phase\\_options\\_help.html](http://www.dingwallacademy.com/senior_phase_options_help.html)

National 5	English English Units <b>Music</b> Performing Unit Philosophy	Art & Design	Biology	Administration & IT	Biology
		Art & Craft	Business	Art & Design	Chemistry
National 4	English Mathematics Music Performing Unit	Activities	Management	Business	Computer Games
		Biology	Chemistry	Management	Design
National 3	English Mathematics Music Performing Unit	Chemistry	Computing	Design &	Computing Science
		Environmental Science	Science	Manufacture	Dance
National 2	English Mathematics Music Performing Unit	Gaelic	English	French	Gaidhlig
		Gaelic	German	Geography	Geography
National 1	English Mathematics Music Performing Unit	Geography	Graphic	Graphic	Practical Cookery
		Geography	Communication	Communication	History
National 0	English Mathematics Music Performing Unit	History	HFT	Practical Cookery	Application of Mathematics
		Application of Maths	History	Physics	Mathematics
National 0	English Mathematics Music Performing Unit	Mathematics	Physics	Practical Woodwork	Modern Studies
		Music	Practical	Philosophy	Music
National 0	English Mathematics Music Performing Unit	Physics	Metalwork	Physical Education	Music Performing Unit
		Spanish	Practical	Survival Cookery	Physical Education
National 0	English Mathematics Music Performing Unit		Woodwork	Travel & Tourism	Practical Metalwork
				Work with Deaf Children	Practical Woodwork
National 0	English Mathematics Music Performing Unit				RMPS
National 0	English Mathematics Music Performing Unit	Art & Design	Biology	Administration & IT	<b>Application of Mathematics</b>
		Biology	Business	Art & Design	Computer Games
National 0	English Mathematics Music Performing Unit	Chemistry	Chemistry	Business	Design
		<b>Environmental Science</b>	Computing	Design &	Gaidhlig
National 0	English Mathematics Music Performing Unit	Gaelic	Science	Manufacture	Geography
		Gaelic	German	French	History
National 0	English Mathematics Music Performing Unit	Geography	Graphic	Geography	Practical Cookery
		Geography	Communication	Graphic	Mathematics
National 0	English Mathematics Music Performing Unit	History	History	Communication	Modern Studies
		Mathematics	Practical	Practical Cookery	
National 0	English Mathematics Music Performing Unit			Physics	



# Options Process

Pupils are required to complete and submit option choices in 2 formats.

1. Google Form - via Google Classroom
2. Paper Copy (issued on Wednesday)

## S2 School Communic...

198 students

Due 6 Feb

All S2 pupils are required to complete an option form. All pupils must

1 Complete the attached google form

2 Complete a paper option form and return it, signed by parents, to guidance teachers.

Further information on all courses is available via the school website and there is a direct link attached.

These are very important choices and so you must take time to talk things through with someone at home. You must pay attention to the recommended level provided by teachers on your report card. You should not opt for a level that your teacher has not recommended.

## S3 / 4 Option Choices 2020

National Course Choices for S2 pupils

1. Surname \*

Short-answer text

2. First name \*

Short-answer text

Class \*

Choose



Option A \*

Choose



Option B \*

Choose



Option C \*



## Help and advice.

- Talk through carefully at home.
- If pupil has an idea of career pathway look at UHI Inverness and UCAS.
- Think forward to S5 and S6 - will the subjects you are choosing lead to Highers?
- Information on all courses available on school website.
- Talk with Guidance teachers and class teachers.

<https://www.ucas.com/students>

<https://www.inverness.uhi.ac.uk/>





## To submit option choices

1. Complete Google Form
2. Complete paper option form and return to Guidance Teacher.

**Google form and paper form to be returned by Thursday 6th February 2020.**



## **Additional Support Needs**



**Please do not hesitate to ask for help.**