



SENIOR PHASE PATHWAYS

2026-2027

To empower every student to achieve their unique and magnificent potential.

By the end of this presentation, we hope that you have...

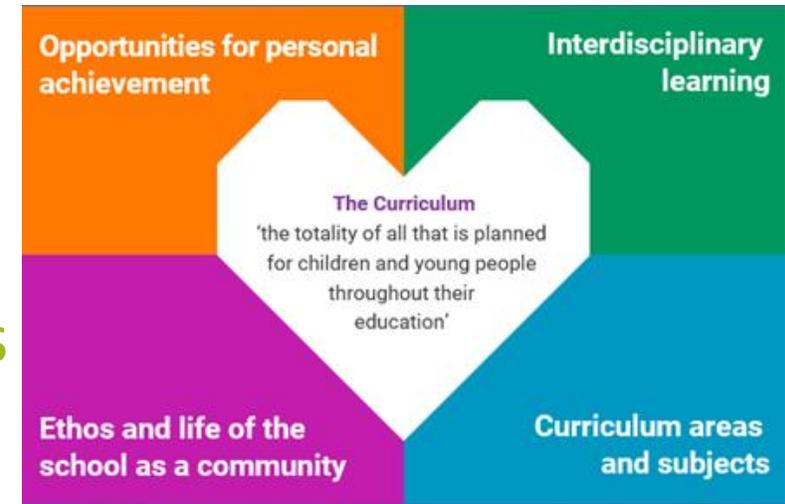
- an understanding of our curriculum rationale
 - more information about the subjects on offer at SHS
 - an understanding of the course choice process and timeline
 - greater confidence for parents and students in understanding the progression pathways that are available to them.
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- Please let us know by giving your feedback.



QUALIFICATIONS SKILLS VALUES

- Education Scotland
- Pupil views
- Parent views
- Teacher views
- Local and National Employment trends

- We have enhanced our Curricular offer to meet the needs of students.



S₃ into S₄

- SQA Qualifications – National Qualifications (National 4/5), Skills for Work, National Progression Awards (Level 4/5), other Awards (multiple Levels)
- Level appropriate <https://scqf.org.uk/about-the-framework/interactive-framework/>
- Progression through S₄-S₆
- Career Pathways

OPTION CHOICES

- Everyone takes English and Maths/Applications of Maths
- Must **choose 5 other subjects**
- Must choose **1 x Curricular Enhancements 2 period option**

S3

English

Maths

S4

English

Maths/Apps

Sub 1

Sub 2

Sub 3

Sub 4

Sub 5

2p Op

EXIT POINT

Sub 1

Sub 2

Sub 3

Sub 4

Sub 5

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S5

EXIT POINT

Sub 1

Sub 2

Sub 3

Sub 4

Sub 5

2p Op

2p Op

2p Op

S6

S3

S4(S5/6)

S5/6

S6 ONLY

Positive Destinations

CFE Physical Education

National 5 Physical Education

Higher Physical Education

- College SCQF 7,8,9**
 HNC Sports Coaching & Development
 NPA Sports Exercise & Fitness
 NPA Sport & Fitness Team Sports
- University SCQF 10 points**
 BA (Hons) Sports Coaching and Development
 BA (Hons) Sports and Business
 BSc (Hons) Applied Sports Science
 BSc (Hons) Sports Management
 MA (Hons) Physical Education Teaching

NPA Level 5 Team Sports (Football/Hockey)

Higher Exercise & Fitness Leadership

National 4/5 Practical Cookery

Community Sports Leaders Award

CFE Practical Cookery

National 5 Health & Food Technology

Higher Health & Food Technology

- College SCQF 7,8,9**
 HNC/HND Professional Cookery
 HND Hospitality Management
 HND Fashion and Textiles
- University SCQF 10 points**
 BSc Food & Consumer Science
 BSc Food, Nutrition and health
 BA Interior Design
 BSc Food Bioscience
 BSc Fashion Technology

Level 5 Barista & Hospitality

CFE Fashion & Textiles

National 5 Fashion & Textiles

Level 5 Barista & Survival Cookery

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

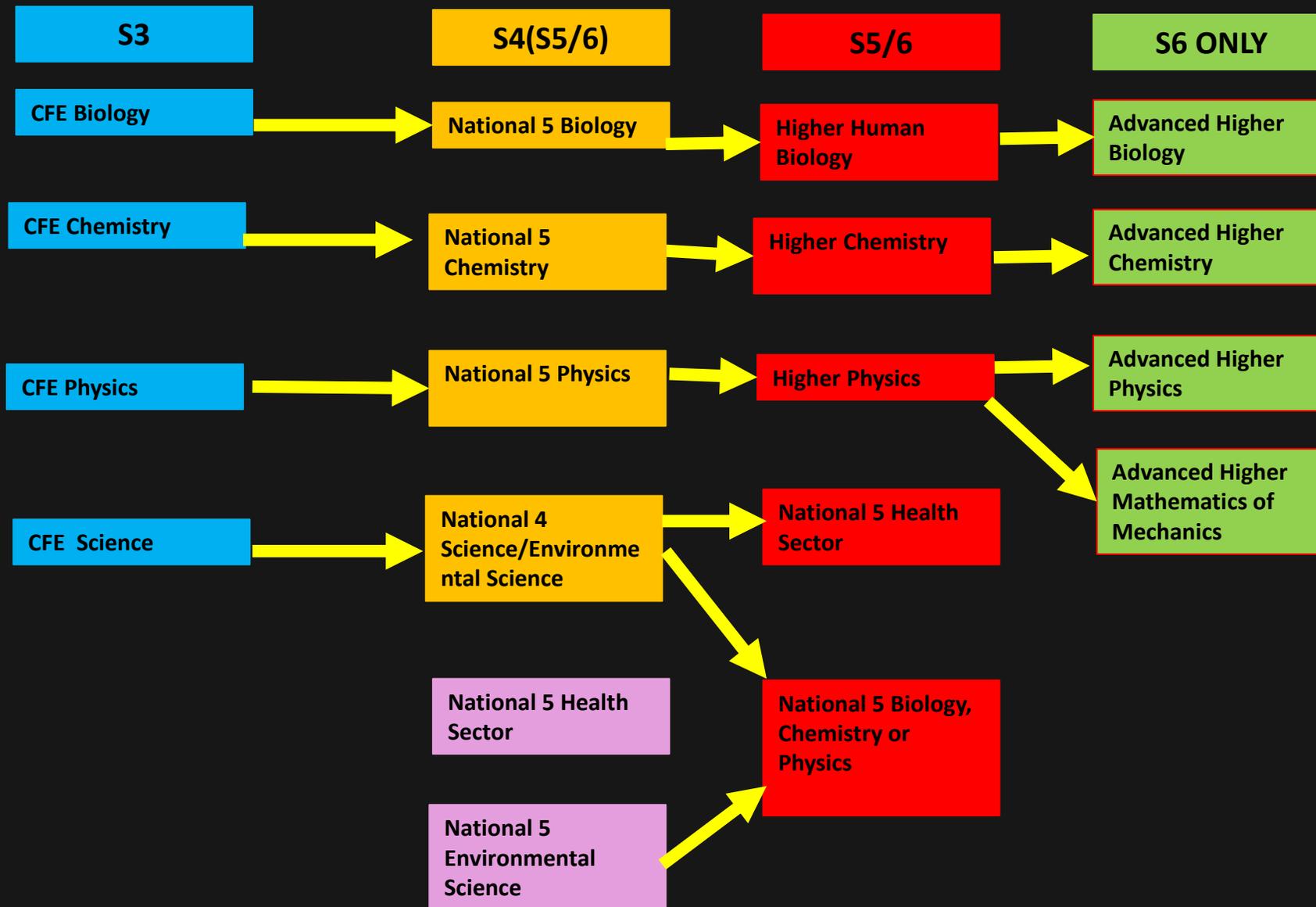
Positive Destinations

College SCQF 7,8,9
 HNC/D Engineering
 HNC Applied Science

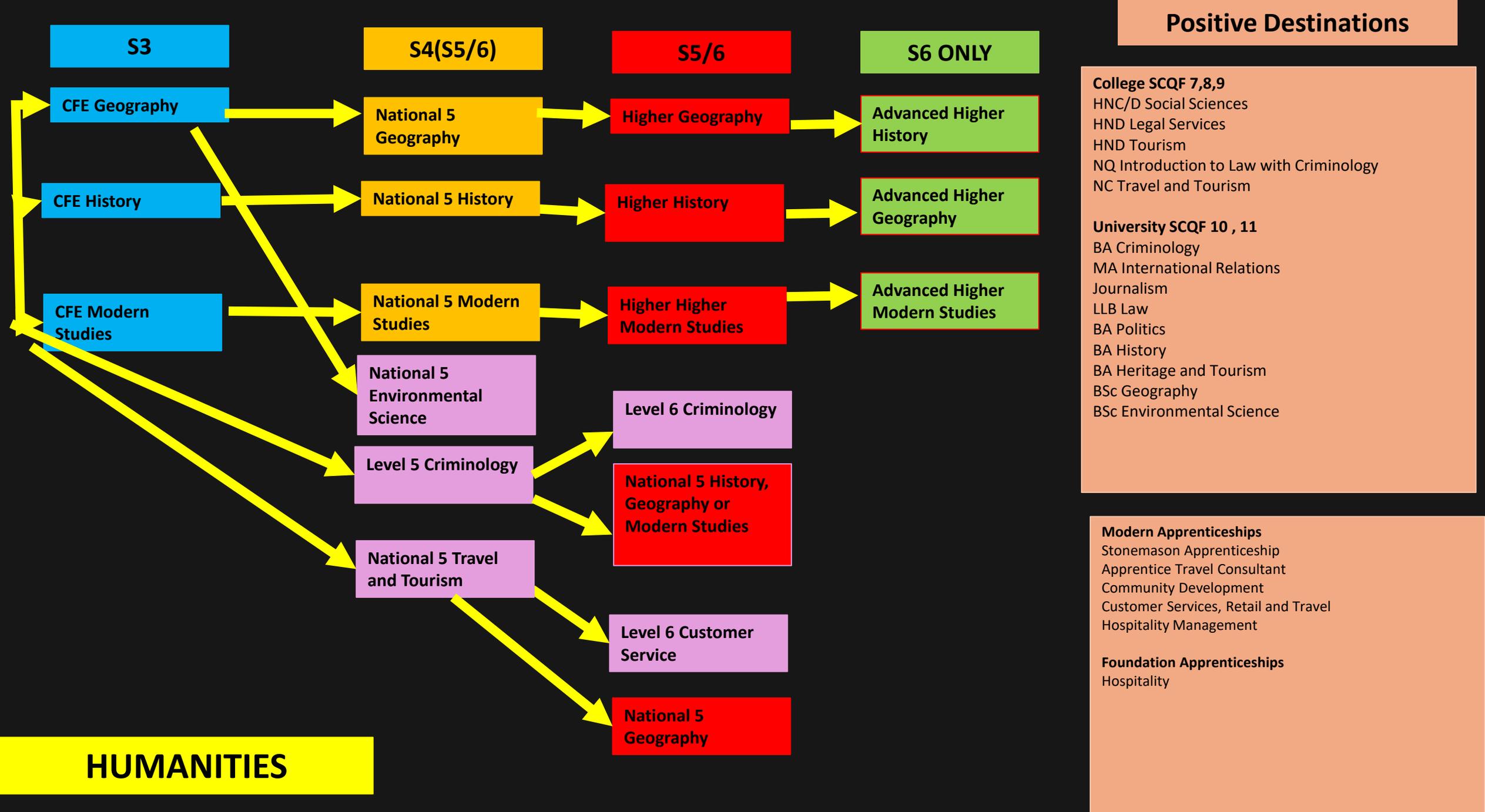
University SCQF 10 , 11
 Science BSc Hons/MChem
 Engineering MEng/BEng
 Pharmacy MPharm
 Medicine MBChB
 Brewing & Distilling BSc Hons

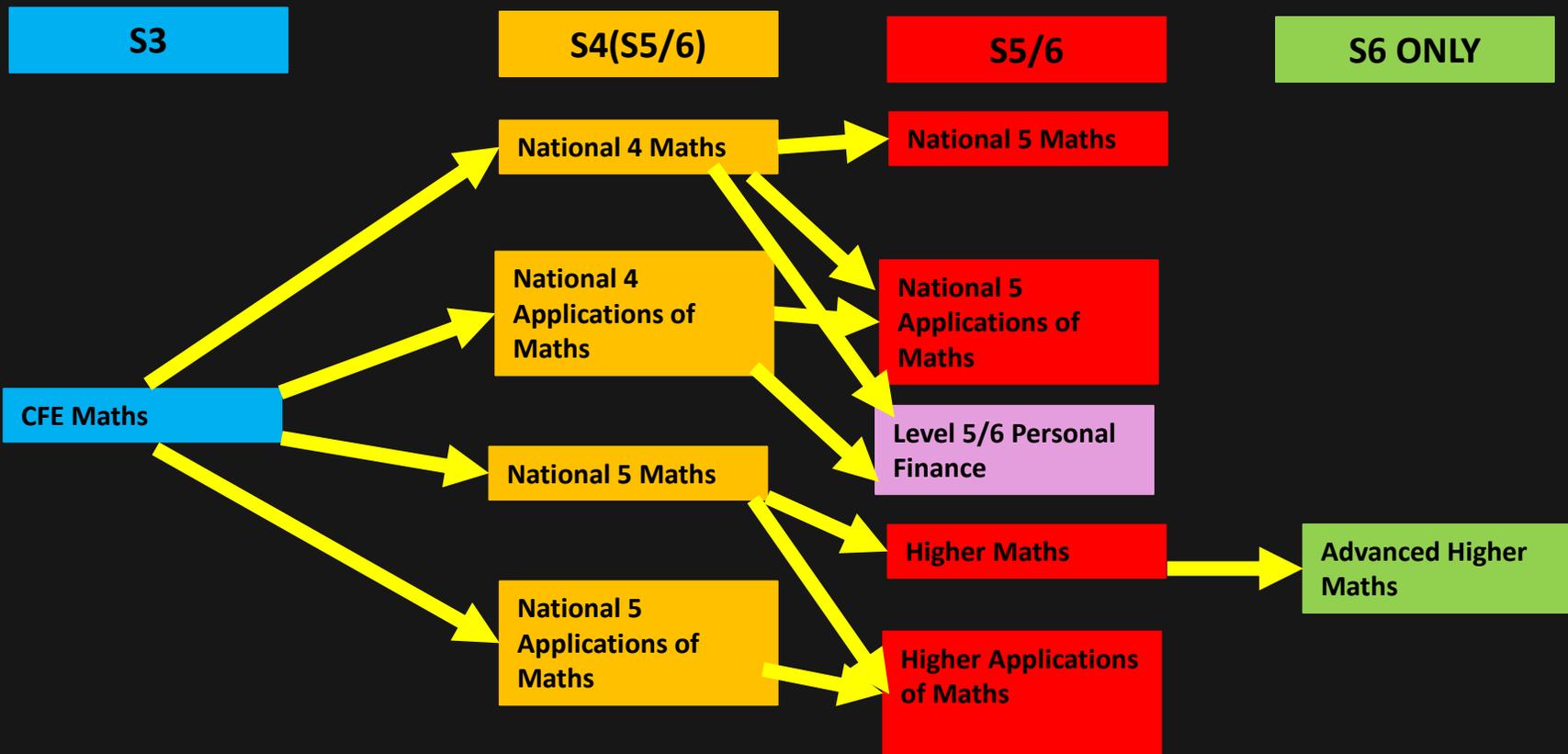
Modern Apprenticeships
 Cooper
 Engineering
 Lab Technician
 Hairdressing

Foundation Apprenticeships
 Scientific Technologies
 Engineering



SCIENCE



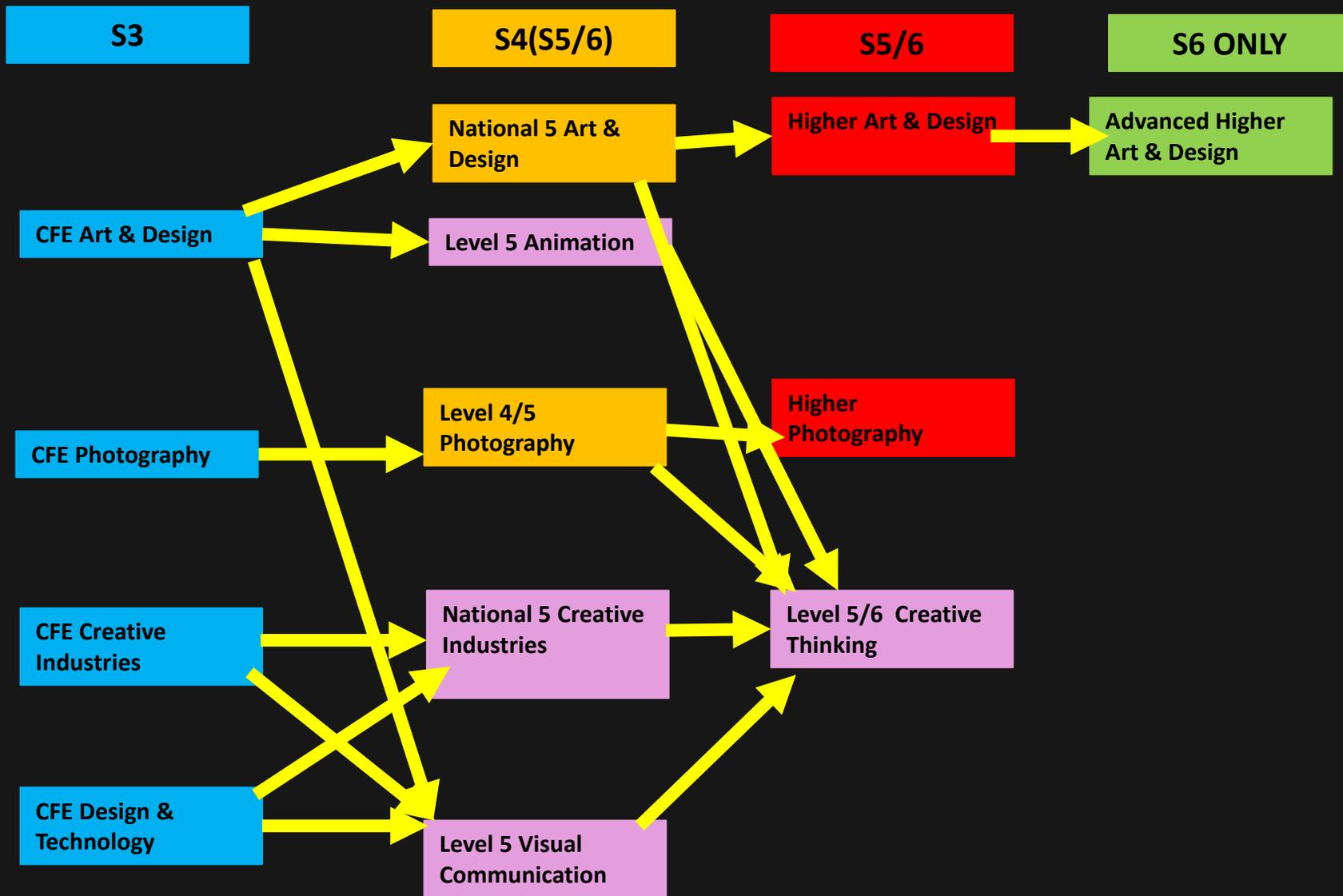


Positive Destinations

- College SCQF 7,8,9**
 HND Acting and Performance
 HNC Digital Journalism
 HNC Television and Film
 HNC Digital Creative Media
 HND Media: Production
 HNC Professional Writing Skills
 HNC/HND: Radio
 HND Practical Journalism
 HND Events Management
 HNC Civil Engineering
 HNC Creative Industries
- University SCQF 10 , 11**
 BA (Hons) Television
 BA (Hons) Journalism
 BA (Hons) English Language and Literature
 BA (Hons) Film and Media Studies
 MA (Hons) in Digital Media and Information

- Modern Apprenticeships**
 Advertising and Digital Media
 Content Creator
 Journalist
 PR and Communications
 Creative Media
 Creative and Cultural

Mathematics

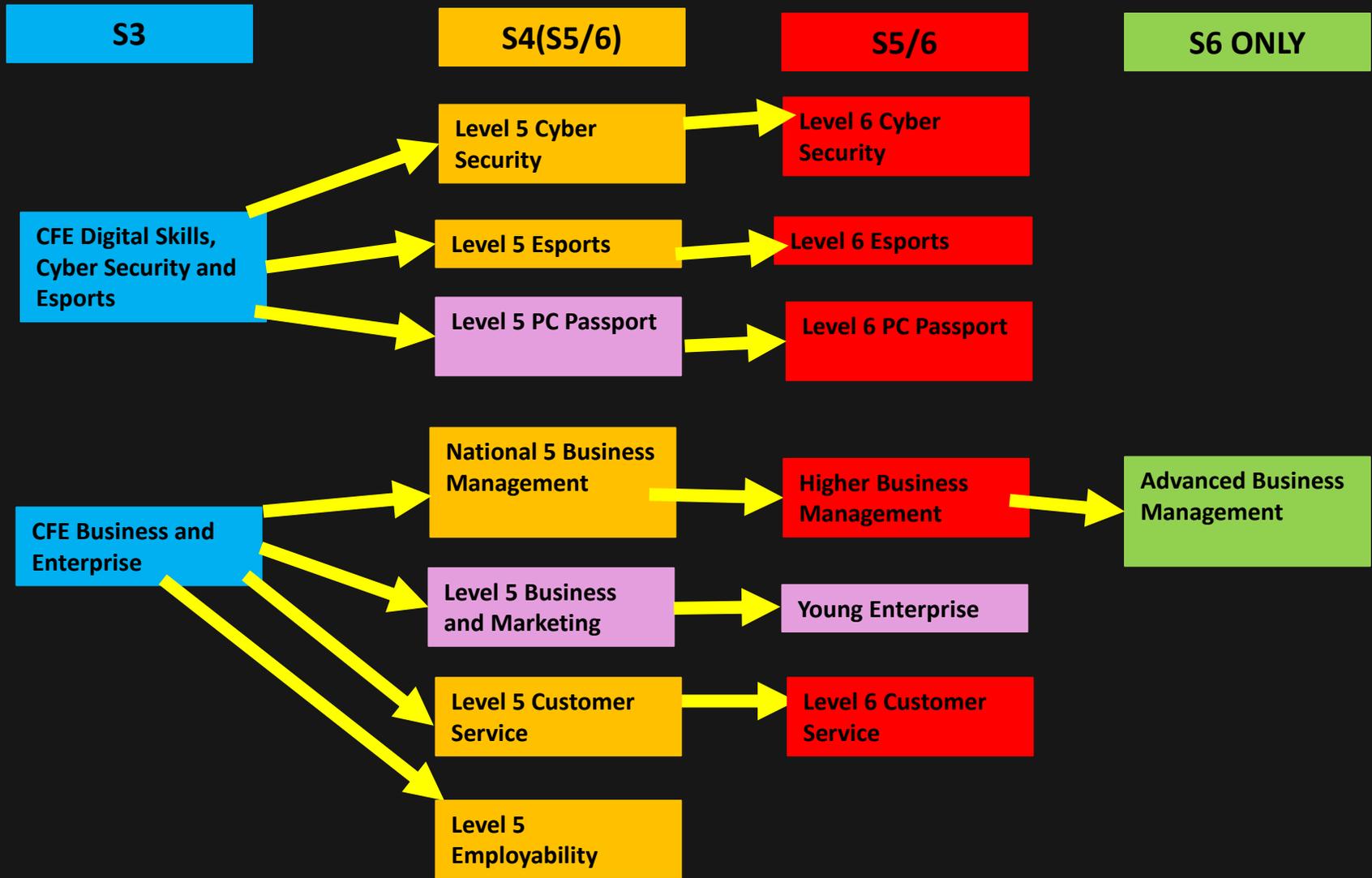


Positive Destinations

HND Art & Design or NC Art & Design
 Undergraduate from an Art School in Scotland:
Expressive: BA(Hons) Painting & Printmaking/
 Sculpture & Environmental Art/Fine Art
 Photography
Design: BA(Hons) Communication Design/
 Fashion Design/Interior Design/Architecture/
 Silversmithing & Jewellery/Textile Design
 MA Creative Arts & Industries
 BA (HONS) Professional Photography

Modern Apprenticeships
 Creative Media
 Creative and Cultural
 Design

CREATIVITY/ENTERPRISE
Art & Design



Positive Destinations

College SCQF 7, 8, 9
 HNC/D Business
 HNC/D IT and Administration
 HND Cyber Security
University SCQF 10 & 11
 BA in Business with Accounting/Economics/IT
 BA(HONS) Cyber Security and Networks

Modern Apprenticeships
 IT Support Assistant
 Team Leader
 Admin Assistant
 Customer Sales Assistant
 Junior finance officer
 Computer technician
 Customer Service
 Business Administration
 Digital Technology

Graduate Apprenticeships
 Business Management
 Business Management: Project Management
 Cyber Security

**CREATIVITY/ENTERPRISE
 Business/Digital**

Barista Level 5

Develop the knowledge, understanding and technical skills required for the role of a barista.

This qualification covers areas such as the different types of coffees and other beverages typically served by a barista. Setting up, operating, cleaning and closing down specialist equipment is also covered.

Learners will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills by preparing and serving different hot and cold beverages.

Community Sports Leader Award

Develop young people's confidence, self-esteem and organisation through leading sports sessions for the class and by leading clubs for others throughout the school year.

The award is a nationally recognised qualification that helps people develop their leadership skills.

In addition to this, pupils will gain a National Governing Body Sports Award's in a variety of activities to enhance their leadership skills.

Level 5/6 Creative Thinking

Celebrates the importance of creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking; Meta-skills that will be required of a future workforce.

The qualification can be a combination of two, three or four projects.

Examples of projects include:

Thoughts become things – Create a Hospital, School, Music Venue or Workplace. An experiential project about the built environment from multi-disciplinary creative studio Acrylicize.

Van of Dreams - Your community has been given a campervan, what should they do with it? A project showing how to create a product, service or experience for a specific user group.

Criminology Level 5/6

This course gives students the opportunity to develop their understanding of crime on a local and national scale.

Criminology is the scientific study of crime, including its causes, responses by the criminal justice system, and methods of prevention.

There will be 3 units to complete in order to achieve the full NPA Course Award.

- Crime in the Community
- The History and Development of
- Criminology: Crime Scenes

Effective Skills

Effective Now work in partnership with schools and businesses to support the development of meta skills in young people.

Employers seek people who are confident and can adapt, learn, and communicate in a variety of situations to give their business the edge in innovation, creativity and growth.

The effective skills programme delivers a programme to teach young people these vital employability skills.

Pupils gain an Adult Achievement Award Level 4/5/6.

Film and Media Level 5/6

Provides pupils with an introduction to the film industry and other forms of media.

Students to learn about the techniques used by media makers, analyse and evaluate these in a selection of media products, and put these into practice through practical projects.

This course also develops students' practical skills in terms of working to a brief, using film-making equipment, and editing their work.

The Creative Project also involves group work which develops employability skills such as communication/creativity, increase confidence, teamwork and time management.

Level 6 Communication and Literature

These Level 6 courses are ideal for candidates who may struggle with the demands of Higher English in S5. They are valuable qualifications on their own but would also prepare candidates for attempting Higher English in S6.

Level 6 Communication is designed to provide the candidate with skills in understanding, analysing, evaluating and using complex, formal language in a range of written and spoken forms.

Level 6 Literature is concerned with the reading of literature and with responding critically to that reading. Candidates will read and learn about a variety of literary texts from different genres.

Customer Service Level 5/6

This course looks at the skills and qualities needed to successfully work in a customer service environment.

By looking at the key elements of the customer service course pupils will be prepared to work well in a customer service role.

Pupils will be equipped with skills and knowledge to go into employment in any role and have an understanding of how important the customer facing role is.

Not only will pupils be prepared to work in customer service facing roles, they will also learn and build on skills such as communication, digital skills and teamwork.

National 5 Environmental Science

The course has a strong interdisciplinary nature and aims to develop skills, knowledge and understanding in relevant areas of science and social science.

It provides opportunities for pupils to recognise the impact environmental science makes on their lives, on the lives of others, on the environment, and on society.

Scientific enquiry, analytical thinking, knowledge and understanding along with investigative and research skills are developed throughout the course

Level 6 Exercise and Fitness

Leadership

This award allows pupils to develop their personal leadership qualities and to develop their knowledge and skills within fitness.

Pupils should have a continued interest in sport and exercise.

There are 5 units available, and pupils will select at least three to complete the course.

These are:

- Cardiovascular Training
- Fixed Weight Training
- Free Weight Training
- Circuit Training
- Exercise to Music

National 5 Health Sector

Designed to give an insight into the many different job roles and the broad range of occupations available in the UK Health Sector.

Health Sector is a major employer locally in the Borders and Nationally.

This course provides opportunities for learners to develop:

- Practical skills – risk assessment/ use of medical devices
- Skills, Knowledge and an Understanding of the Health Sector Workplace
- Skills for Life and Employability Skills for Work including interview practice

Mentors in Violence

Prevention

The Mentors in Violence Prevention programme uses a peer education model, to discuss important issues faced by young people in Scotland.

Topics include bullying behaviour, gender-based violence, social media use.

The programme involves senior phase pupils mentoring younger pupils through the delivery of interactive workshops in school.

Level 4/5 Personal Finance

Develop knowledge and skills to cope confidently and effectively with the types of financial matters individuals are likely to encounter.

From student loans, to pensions, the awards will prepare pupils for financial decision making and managing personal finances throughout their lives.

A range of topics are covered: calculating and comparing costs; household budgeting; different forms of borrowing; tax and National Insurance; credit cards; bank accounts; exchange rates, interest and inflation rates.

Level 5/6 Young Enterprise

The ultimate business and enterprise experience for S5/S6 pupils in schools across Scotland. The pupils set-up and run their own company through the academic year with support from local business volunteers and Young Enterprise Scotland staff.

They develop a wide range of skills and receive an invaluable entrepreneurial experience.

At the end of the academic year, the young companies compete on a local, regional, national and European level to be crowned Company of the Year.

LEAPS Transition Course (S6 only)

The LEAPS Transitions Course is designed to give you the skills and experience needed to make a positive transition from school to university.

Throughout the course, you will work with academics and students from other schools on developing first-year university-level academic skills. You will gain confidence and an understanding of what it takes to be successful at university.

This is a unique opportunity to get the 'uni' experience before starting for real.

During the course you will be enrolled at the University of Edinburgh, but the course itself will be helpful regardless of which university you hope to study at after school

YASS (S6 only) Level 7

YASS is an opportunity for S6 students in Scottish schools to bridge the gap between school and full-time university.

Run by The Open University in Scotland, YASS offers students a chance to study a range of first year university level modules in school alongside their other studies.

Courses are completed on-line with the support of an Open University tutor.

Borders College Schools Academy

Pupils also have access to Borders College Schools Academy courses. These options are integrated into the school timetable and allow the pupils to access a much wider range of courses over and above what is available in school.

(See course choice sheet for types of courses on offer)

Please note that pupils opting to study a College Course will attend the course on a Friday from 10am until 2.30pm Bus travel will be provided to and from school to college. Pupils need to ensure they have a way to get home once dropped off at Selkirk High School on the Friday afternoon.

Visual Communication Level

5

Creates opportunities for candidates to investigate and experiment with traditional and digital media as part of the design process whilst expanding theoretical knowledge and developing creative solutions to design problems.

Pupils must:

- Develop an understanding of design software packages through the production of a folio of experimental design work.
- Use the design process through research and development to final design utilising a wide range of media.
- Develop graphic design skills in response to a given brief.

Animation Level 5

Creates opportunities for pupils to explore and expand their practical and theoretical understanding of sequential imaging using both traditional and digital techniques.

Pupils will develop a sketchbook that demonstrates acquired knowledge from research to finished solution as well as producing a finished animation.

Pupils must:

- Explore problem solving through the process of development drawing.
- Produce a thematic sketchbook which shows the visual analysis and development of subject matter.
- Extend and apply understanding of designing, creating and developing sequential images in animation.

National 5 Creative Industries

Help you to develop the practical skills, together with the employability skills and attitudes which are needed to work in the creative industries sector.

You will investigate a range of sectors and career opportunities in the creative industries before selecting a sector and job role of personal interest on which to focus.

You will have the opportunity to practise and develop specific practical skills, learn the key stages of a creative process and work as part of a team to plan and implement a creative project.

The course also provides opportunities to deliver the creative project through cross-curricular activities. For example, a musical production could involve music, dance, drama and art or the production of a music CD could involve music and art and design

Business and Marketing Level 5

Provides learners with the basic theoretical knowledge of the marketing-based principles of business.

The NPA will aid learners seeking employment in this area or progression to further academic qualifications.

The Units in the NPA will equip you with skills such as:

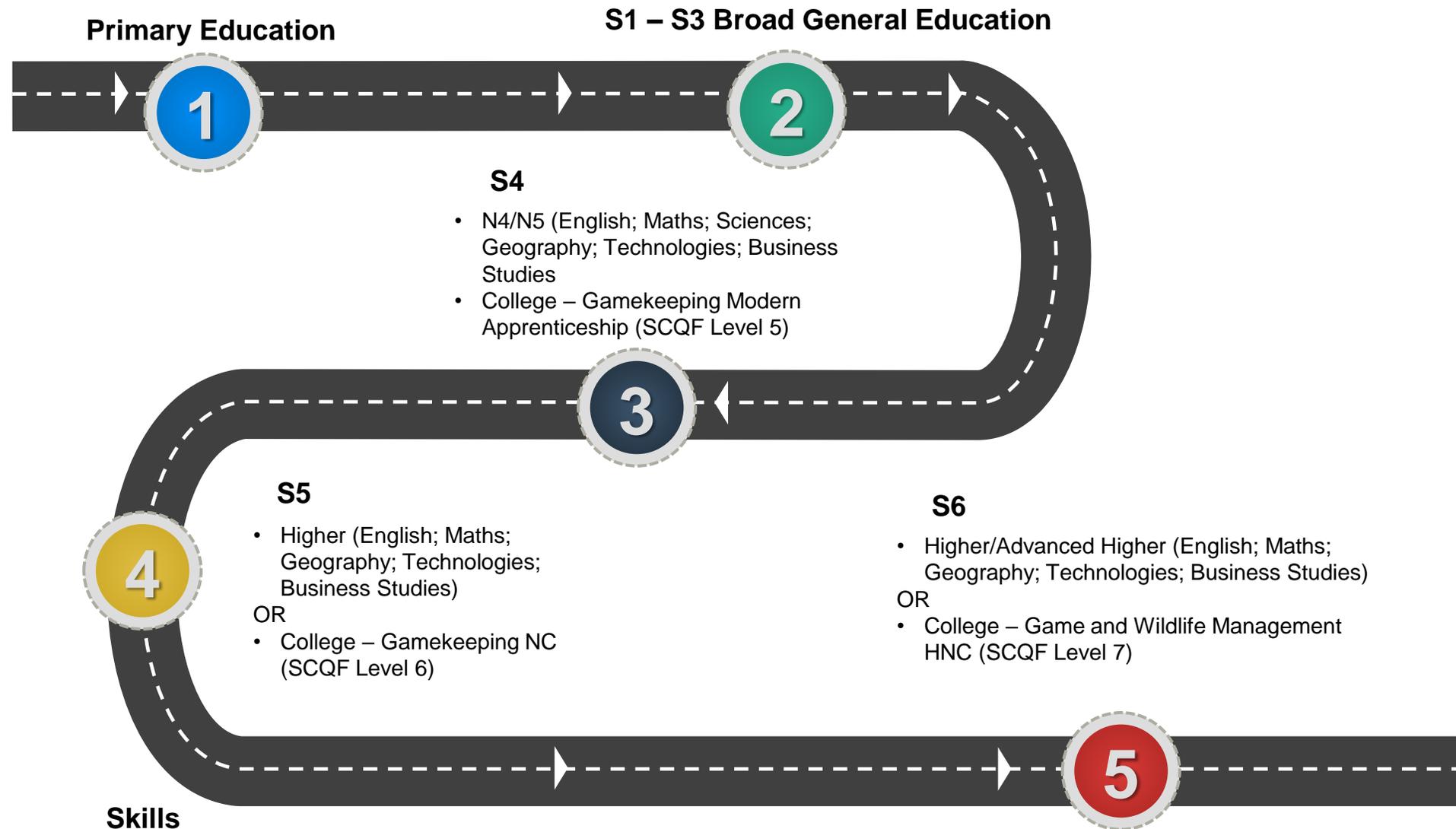
- practical ICT skills
- research and presentation skills
- working with internal and external customers
- employability skills — adaptability/flexibility — working with others — customer care skills — communication

The course allows you to choose areas of business that interest you most, as well as developing an underpinning business focus.

Useful interactive tools for subject choice.

- [Making option choices | My World of Work](#)
- <https://www.planitplus.net/Schools/CareerPathways/>

Animals, Land and Environment - Gamekeeper



Skills

Resilience

Positive attitude

Taking responsibility

Taking initiative

Developing a plan

Attention to detail

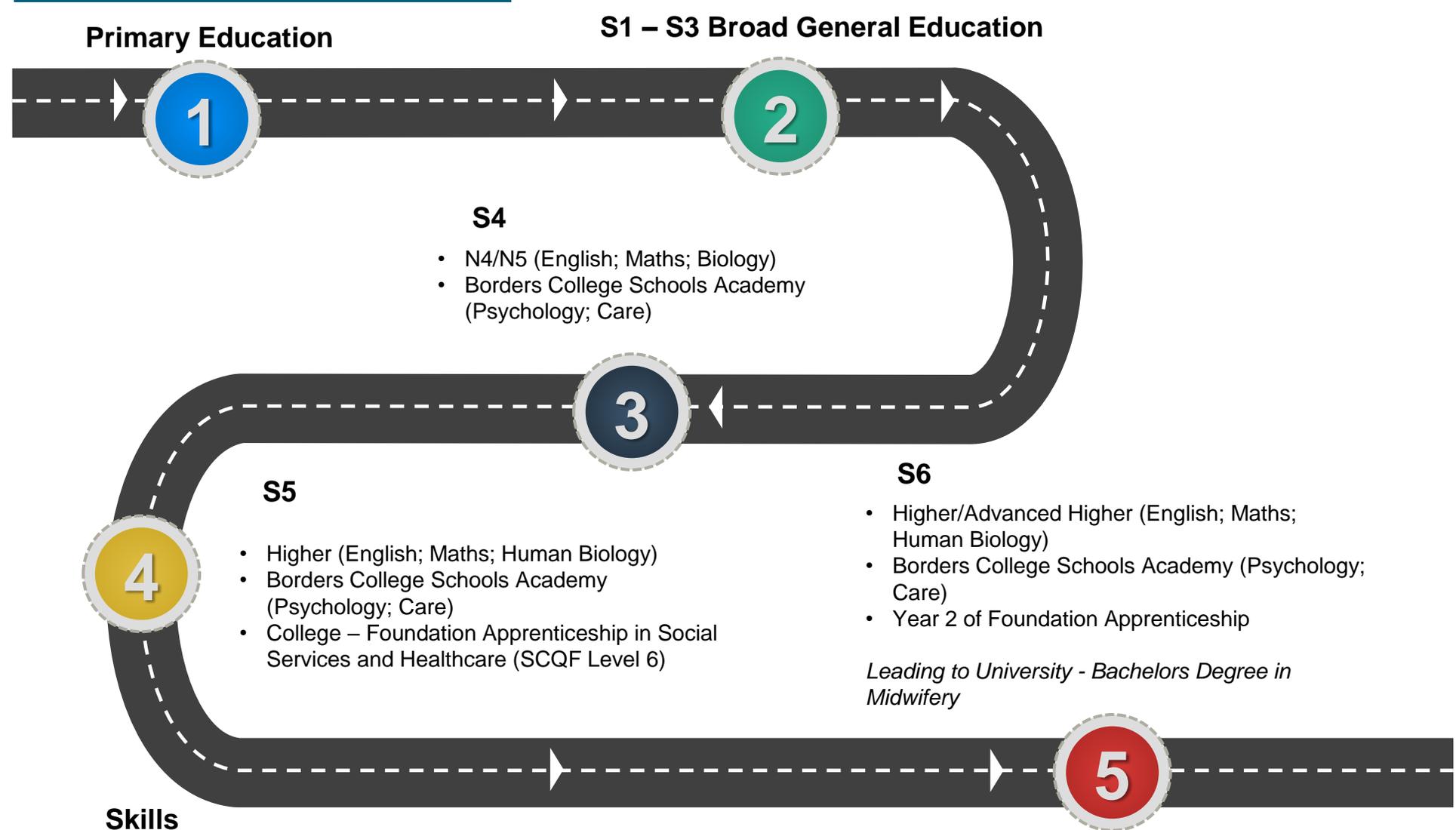
Listening

Verbal communication

Written communication

Cooperating

Healthcare – Midwife



- Resilience
- Taking responsibility
- Making decisions
- Developing a plan
- Listening
- Verbal communication
- Supporting
- Social conscience
- Empathising
- Researching

NEXT STEPS

- S3 Reports being issued today – ensure you check recommendations.
- This evening – parent information session 6-7.30pm
- 5TH Feb – Pastoral/Parent course choice meetings 2.30-6pm
- Week beginning 9th Feb complete choices with Pastoral. Interview times will be in the bulletin.



Name:

Class:

Instructions: circle one option in each column A-G (you must select a subject in every column). Circle 1 Curricular Enhancement course.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
SCQF LEVEL 4 and 5	Art	Barista	Chemistry	Biology	Art	N4 English	N4 Maths/Apps
	Business Management	Business & Marketing	Creative Industries	College	Biology	N5 English	N5 Maths
	Chemistry	Cyber Security	Modern Studies	Health and Food	Customer Service		N5 Application of Maths
	ESports	History	Music	Photography	Employability and Enterprise		OR SELECT 2 CURRICULAR ENHANCEMENT COURSES.
	Geography	PE	Practical Cookery	Physics	Fashion and Textiles		
	Visual Communication	Physics	Rural Skills - Horticulture	Spanish	Geography		
	N4 Biology	Travel and Tourism	Creative Thinking	Health Sector	N4 Science		
		French (Gala)		Practical Woodworking (Gala)			
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Curricular Enhancement – 2 period Course (Select 1)

Level	Course	Level	Course
L5/6	Film and Media		Music Tech
L4/5/6	PC Passport	L4/5/6	Work Placement
L5	Community Sports Leaders Award	L4/5	Personal Finance
L5	Criminology	Saltire	Volunteering
L5	Animation	L4/5	Religion, Belief and Values Award

Reminder – what must S3 choose?

- Everyone takes English and Maths/Applications of Maths
- Must **choose 5 other subjects**
- Must choose **1 x Curricular Enhancements 2 period option**