



S6 Post School Planning

- *Our Vision*
- *To ensure a confident, nurturing & inclusive learning community where ALL achieve their true potential & embrace life's challenges.*





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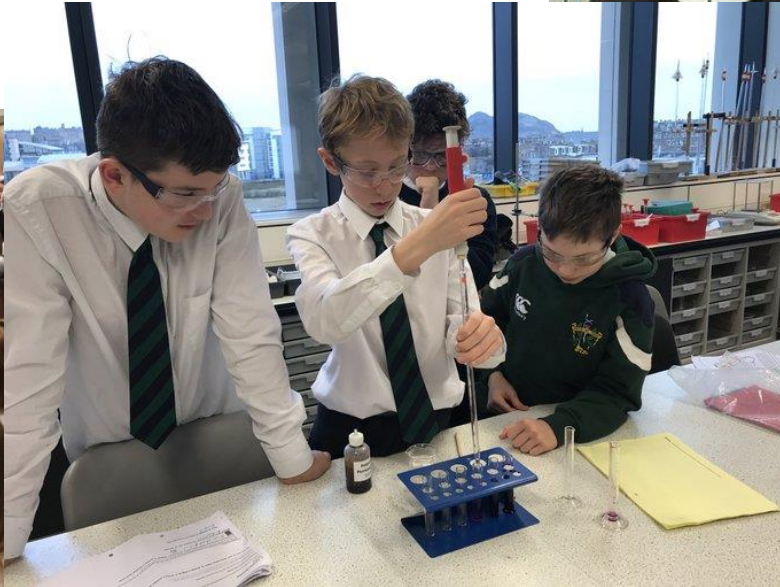
Senior School Agreement

By coming back to school for S6 pupils are buying into the ethos of the school and are expected to:

- Continue to have positive relationships
- Attend school and ensure punctuality
- Adhere to the school dress code
- Model our RESPECT code to younger pupils
- Meet deadlines

Dress code in action!







Why are deadlines important?

- They are there to help pupils manage their workload
- They are there to help teachers manage their workload
- They are needed so that teachers can “authenticate” pupil work
- If teachers are unable to authenticate pupil work they cannot submit coursework to the SQA
- Please refer to the school senior assessment calendar for deadlines



S6 Structure

- PSE – Monday 1 or 2
- No registration for any S6 on a Tuesday
- Registration every other day of the week
- Study classes period 1 and 2 if no subject class*
- Pupils can sign in and out of school after period 2
- College possible for some pupils Tuesday/Thursday afternoons
- Neighbourhood schools used to deliver some subjects
- Minimum of 3 subjects depending on level of course

* these will be reinstated when possible



A Day in the Life of an S6 Student

	Period 1 8.45-9.40	Period 2 9.40-10.35	Period 3 10.55-11.50	Period 4 11.50-12.50	Period 5 1.35-2.30	Period 6 2.30-3.30
MONDAY REGISTRATION	PSE	Study Class	AH English	H Music		NPA Photo
TUESDAY		H Music		AH English	In class support	
WEDNESDAY REGISTRATION	Study Class	NPA Photo	NPA Photo	Assembly		H Music
THURSDAY REGISTRATION	H Music	NPA Photo	AH English			
FRIDAY REGISTRATION	NPA Photo	AH English	H Music			

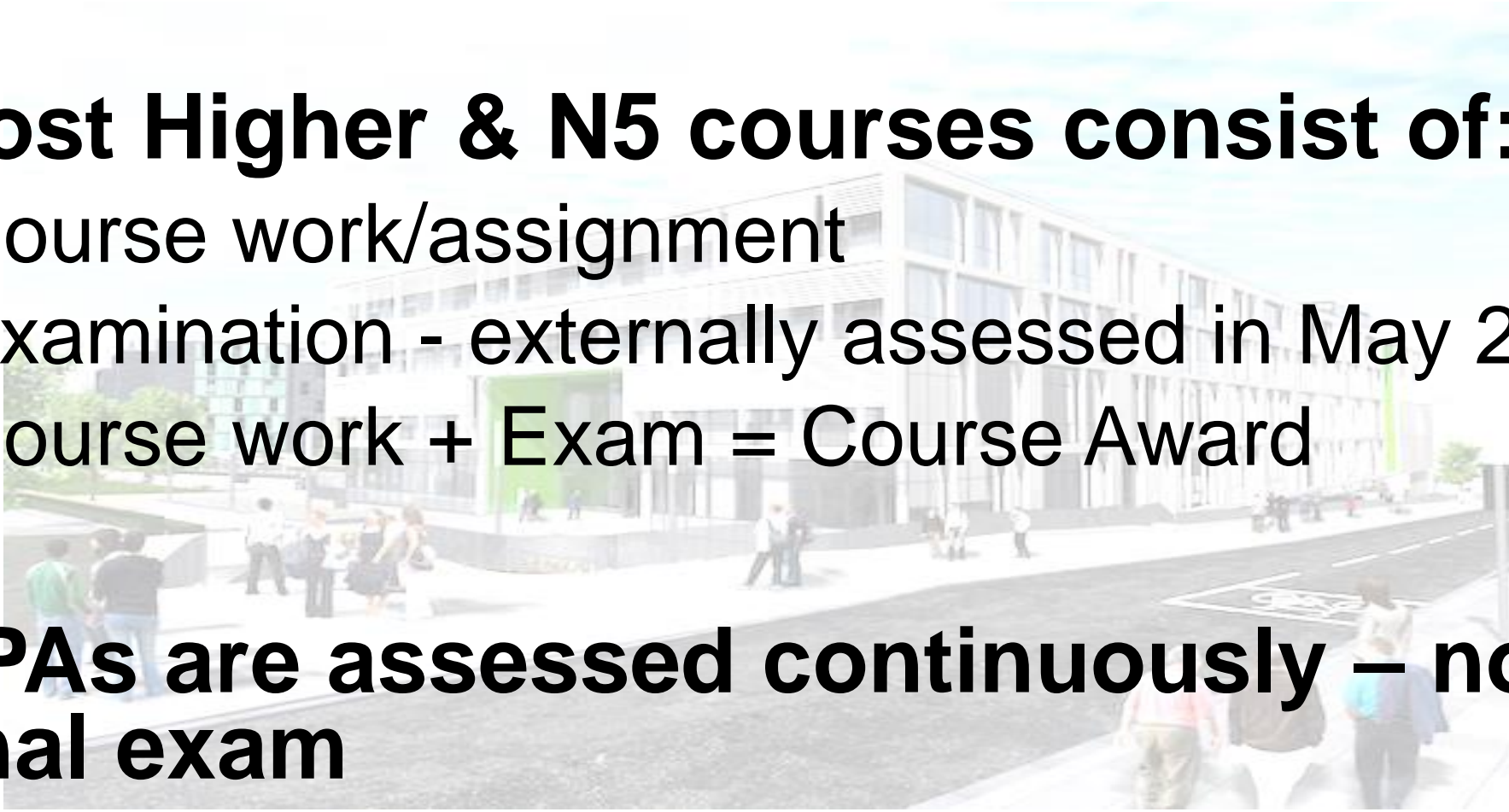


Assessment of Courses

Most Higher & N5 courses consist of:

- Course work/assignment
- Examination - externally assessed in May 2021
- Course work + Exam = Course Award

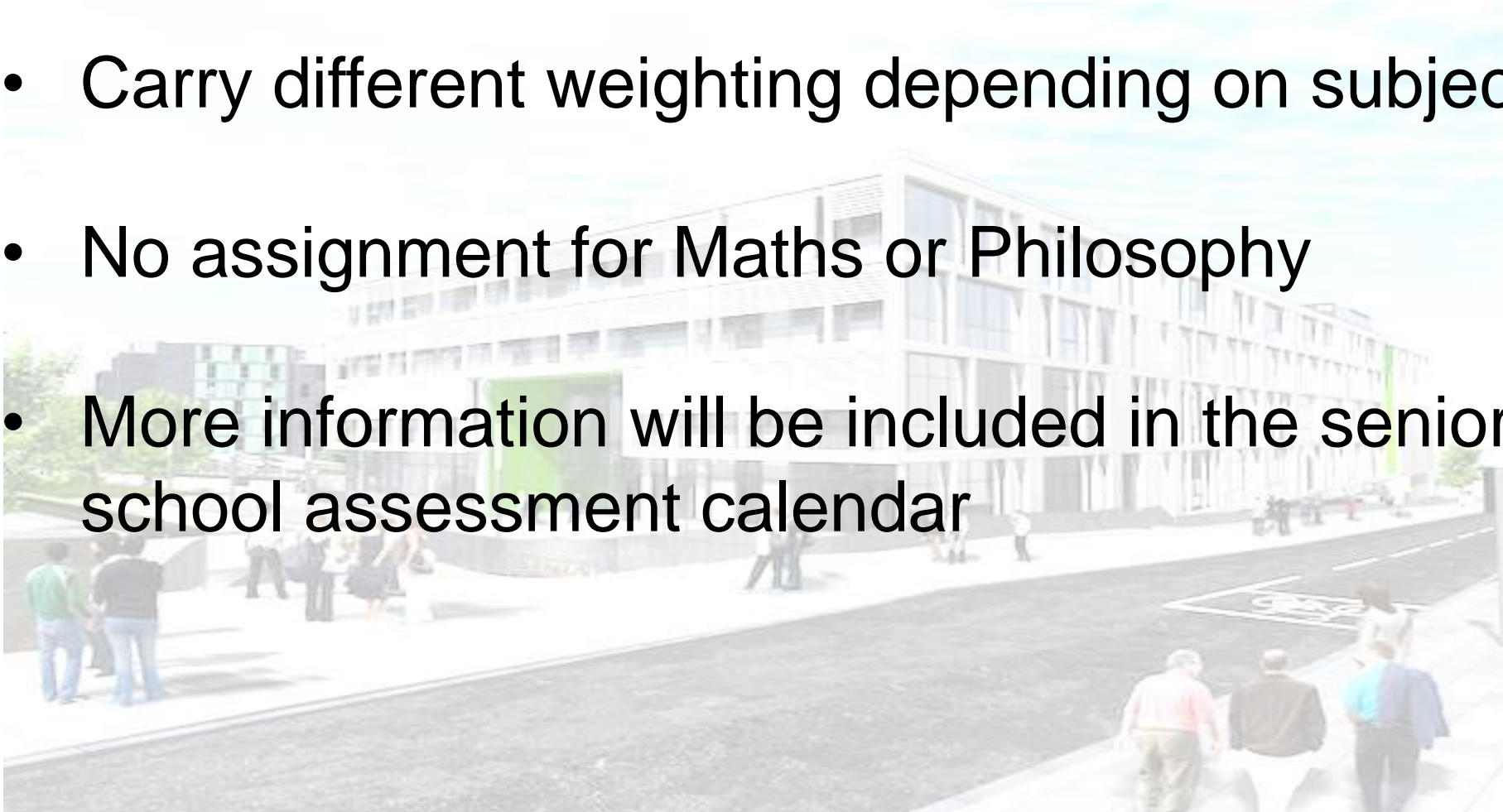
NPA's are assessed continuously – no final exam





Assignments

- Carry different weighting depending on subject
- No assignment for Maths or Philosophy
- More information will be included in the senior school assessment calendar





Support for Pupils

FIVE HOUSES:

- Hartington: Ms F Grant
- Leamington: MS C Nisbet
- Montpelier: Mr P McIlwaine
- Viewforth: Mr C Brandie
- Westhall: Mrs L Wallace





School Support

- Subject “**Teams**” on Office 365 – course notes/assignments
- S6 Team – other opportunities such as work experience/career opportunities detailed
- Subject Timelines issued – deadlines
- Senior school assessment calendar
- After school/lunchtime sessions – when able to run
- “**Scholar**” password for access to materials
- Tracking and monitoring reports

Heriot Watt University SCHOLAR courses have been running for over 20 years and offer 37 high quality online courses for Scottish schools aligned to the SQA curriculum at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher level.

Each pupil is provided with their own username (their SCN number) and a password.

Science and Mathematics			
	N5	H	AH
Biology	✓	✓	✓
Chemistry	✓	✓	✓
Computing Science	✓	✓	✓
Human Biology	**	✓	**
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓
Physics	✓	✓	✓

Languages			
	N5	H	AH
English	✓	✓	✓
ESOL	✓	✓	**
French	*	✓	✓
Gaelic	*	✓	
German	*	✓	✓
Mandarin	✓		
Spanish	*	✓	✓

Business			
	N5	H	AH
Accounting		✓	✓
Art and Design		✓	
Business Management		✓	✓
Economics		✓	✓
Psychology		✓	**

* Please note: these National 5 courses are support materials only.

** Please note: SQA do not provide a qualification for this subject at this level.

Homework and Home Study



Bitesize

Home

Daily lessons

Learn

Support

Careers



[Application of Maths](#)



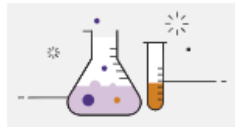
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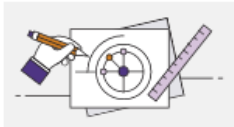
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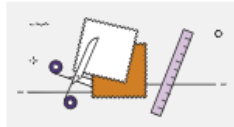
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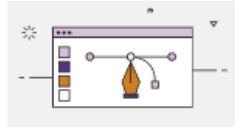
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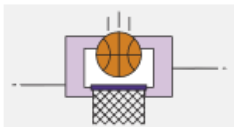
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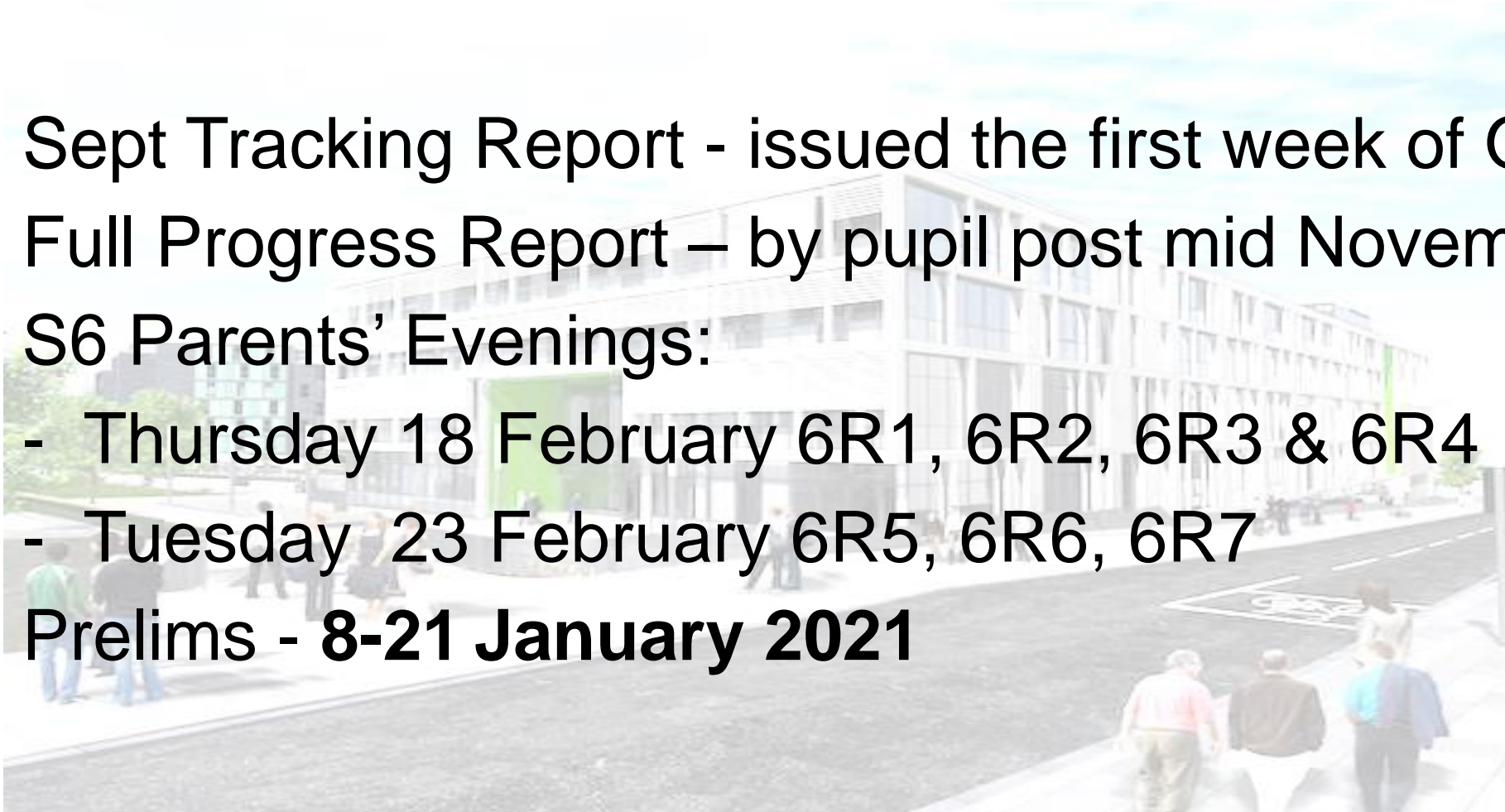
Tracking Pupil Progress

- Tracking reports in Sept/March
- Aspirational target grade = TG
- Working grade = WG – this grade gives parents the best indication of what level a pupil is working at but is not an estimate grade, it reflects work completed at the time of writing
- Guidance teacher / subject teachers will discuss discrepancies with pupils regularly
- Full report mid/late November
- These will be delivered via pupil post/text message



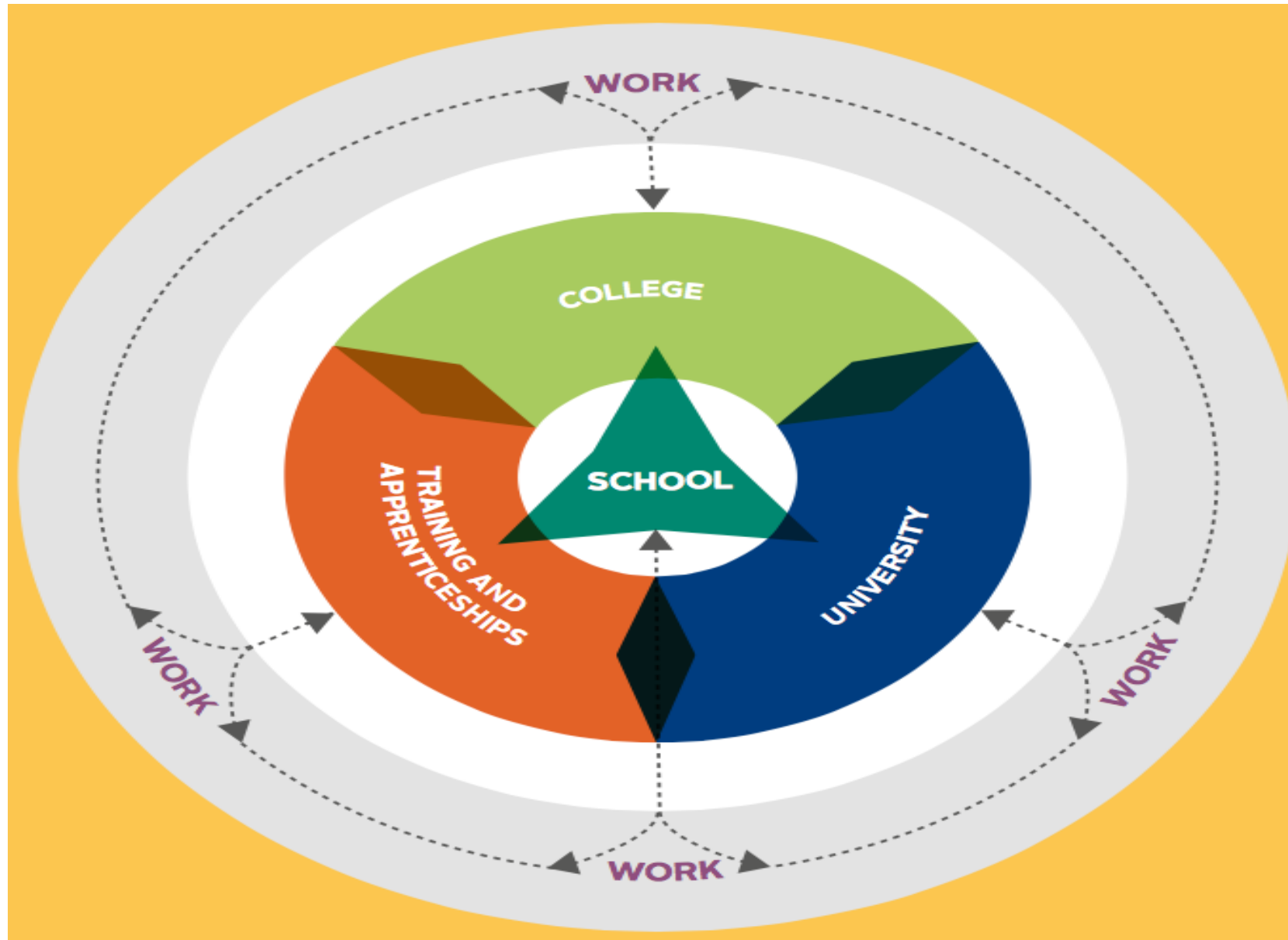
Important dates

- Sept Tracking Report - issued the first week of October
- Full Progress Report – by pupil post mid November 2020
- S6 Parents' Evenings:
 - Thursday 18 February 6R1, 6R2, 6R3 & 6R4
 - Tuesday 23 February 6R5, 6R6, 6R7
- Prelims - **8-21 January 2021**



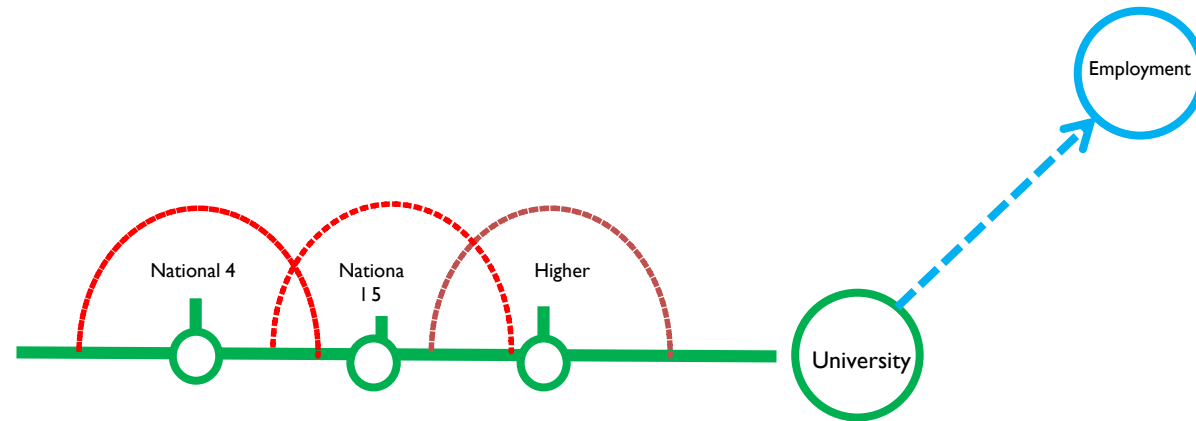


Positive & Sustainable Destinations



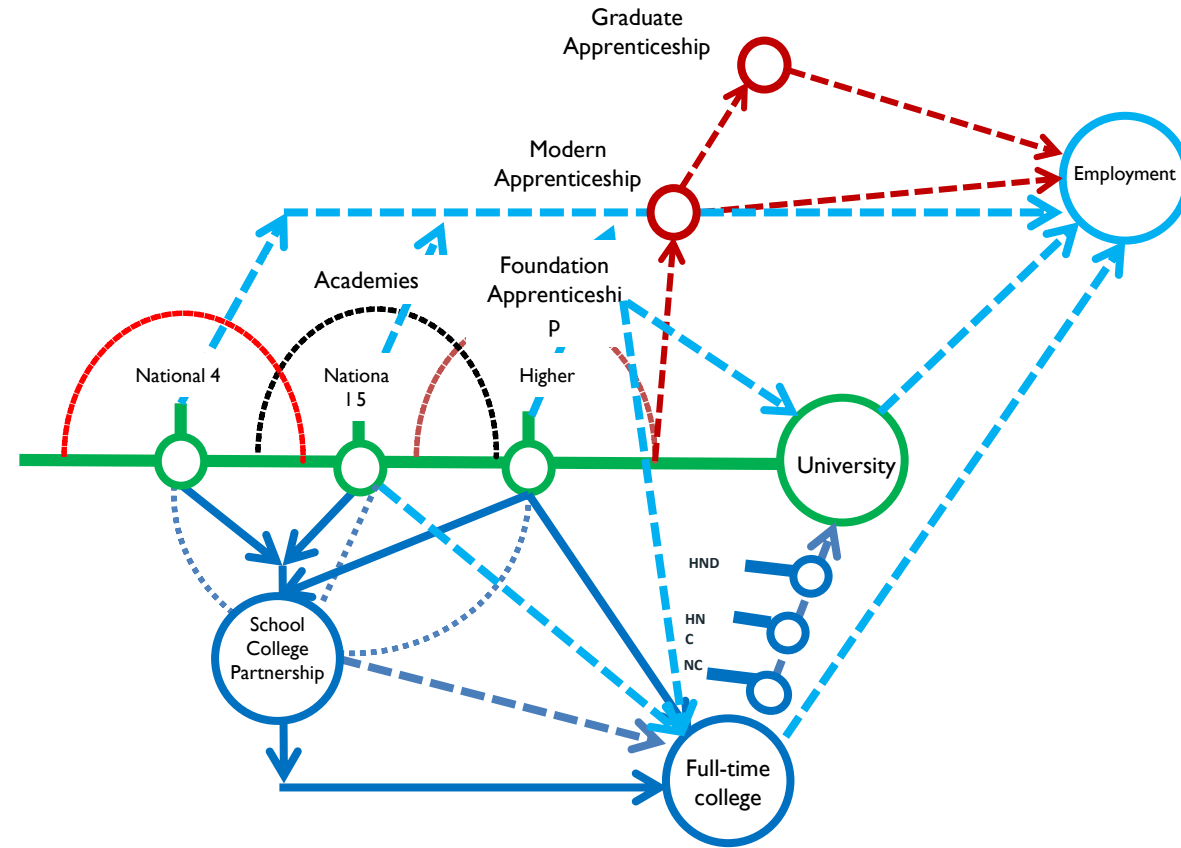


Traditional Route to University





Senior Phase Pathways





Careers Adviser Contact Details

Lou Murphy

Email: lou.murphy@sds.co.uk

Call: 0131 376 2280 (please leave a message)

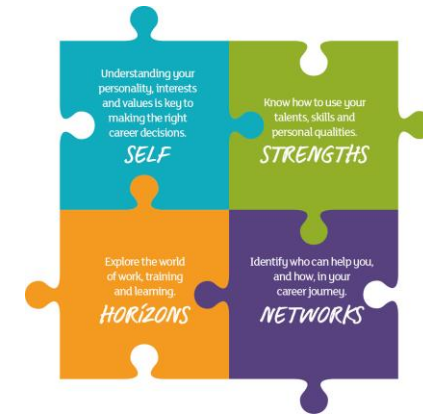
Text: 07887 830869

Available Monday – Friday

Standard working hours 9am to 5pm

(available at other times via negotiation)

Careers Advice and Guidance will be offered over the telephone or via email



Useful Parent/Carer Resources

Research/Support

- My Kids Career
www.mykidscareer.com/
- My World of Work
www.myworldofwork.co.uk/parents
- DYW – E resources
www.dyw.scot/edyw.html
- Digital World
www.digitalworld.net/
- Articulation Routes
www.pathways.ac.uk

Opportunities

- Apprenticeship.Scot
www.apprenticeships.scot/
- The Guarantee
www.theguarantee.org/
- SDS Edinburgh Facebook
www.facebook.com/SDSEdinburgh/



Applying for Post School destination

- ▶ Supported by Guidance teacher, whether applying to University, Graduate Apprenticeship, College, Modern Apprenticeship or Employment
- ▶ Applying through UCAS portal:

Parents Guide -

<https://www.ucas.com/file/325546/download?token=E7i9d-wu>

Applicants Guide to applying -

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/filling-your-ucas-undergraduate-application>

Up to 5 university choices can be made

Choose at least one secure choice (somewhere that their grades already meet the typical entry requirements), and up to four others.

LEAPS eligibility

If you think your young person might be LEAPS eligible follow the links below for further information -

LEAPS website: www.leapsonline.org

Eligibility criteria:

<https://www.leapsonline.org/about/our-eligibility-criteria>

Presentation we have shown S6 in PSE:

<http://www.leapsonline.org/schoolstudents/s6-blog/what-leaps>

If they have not given their name to their Guidance teacher please ask them to do so or get in touch.

College Application

- ▶ Open Jan/Feb
- ▶ All S6 will apply as a first choice or a back up plan (unless they have an unconditional offer for University)
- ▶ College workshops during PSE time to support application process

Modern Apprenticeship / Employment

- ▶ These become available all year round
- ▶ Some apprenticeships may have a January closing date and not start until September
- ▶ Access information through signing up to Edinburgh Guarantee and Apprenticeship.scot for alerts, PSE, school website / twitter

Personal Statement

- ▶ All S6 will write a PS and adapt it for their chosen destination
- ▶ 4000 characters for UCAS & College
- ▶ Save as a word document and transfer onto application
- ▶ Draft PS due 14/10/2020 for early applicants /all others 27/10/2020
- ▶ Final PS on Apply for early applicants by 21/09/2020 / all other applicants by 02/11/2020
- ▶ Support with Personal Statements in school through PSE / Career's Adviser / UCAS personal statement tool.

Useful UCAS links

- ▶ Choosing courses - <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/choosing-course/choosing-undergraduate-course>
- ▶ Advice for Parent/carer - <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians>
- ▶ How to apply - <https://www.ucas.com/connect/blogs/apply-2017-%E2%80%93-how-apply>
- ▶ Personal Statements - <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-write-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement>
- ▶ Accepting Offers - <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/replying-your-ucas-undergraduate-offers>
- ▶ Tracking Applications - <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/track-your-ucas-application>