



S4 Course Choices

Lesmahagow High School

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To empower learners with the skills to succeed and realise their true potential.

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Welcome

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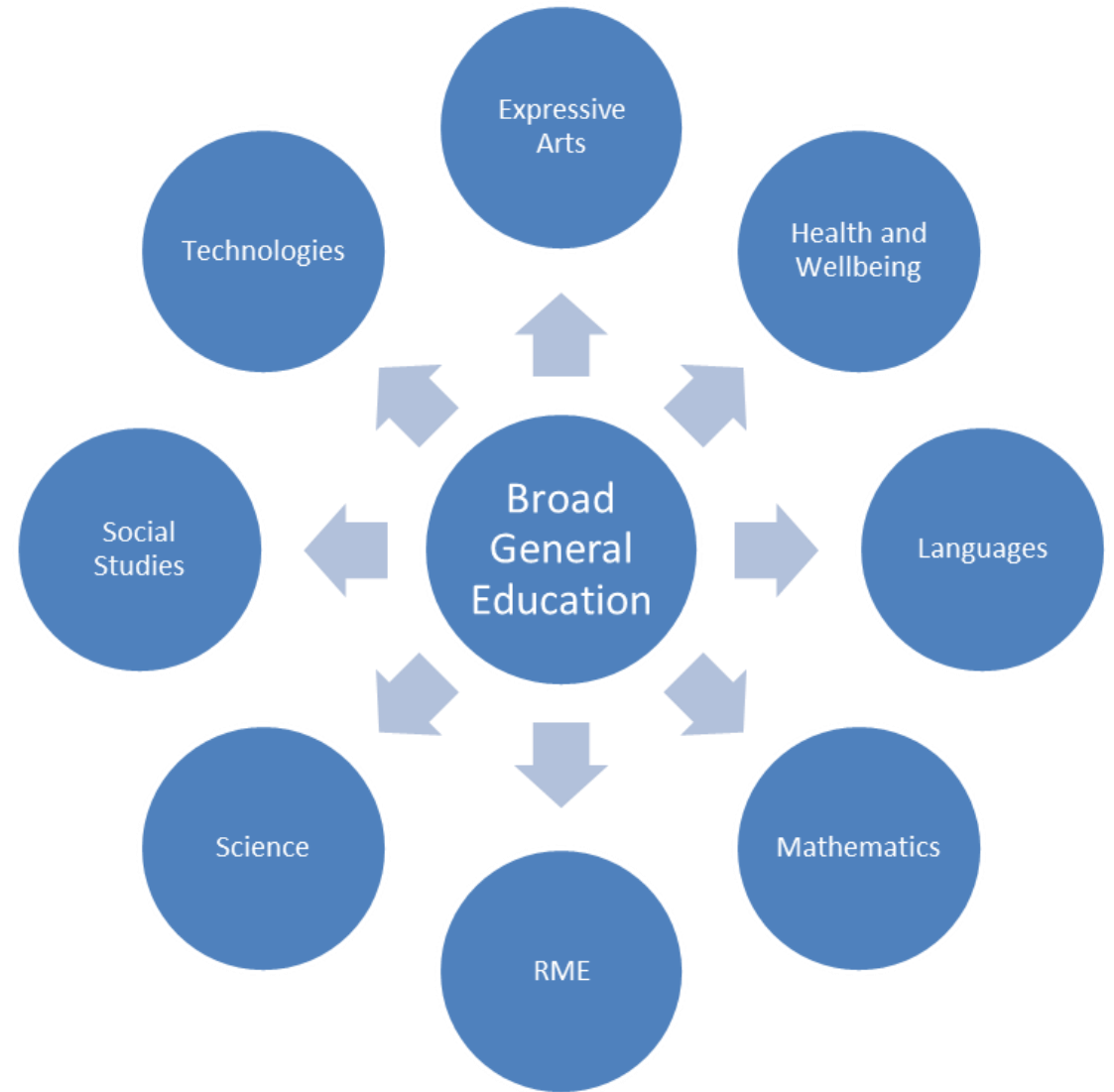
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The BGE Curriculum

- S1 to S3 is known as the Broad General Education (BGE)
- S3 is a year of transition as pupils prepare to move into the Senior Phase
- The Senior Phase runs from S4 to S6.





The S4 Senior Phase Curriculum

- Pupils will study **7** main subjects in S4
- Everyone will continue to study **English** and **Maths** (or Applications of Maths)
- Pupils will choose **5 other subjects** from those studied in S3 to complete their options
- All pupils will continue to have periods of **RE, PE and PSE** as part of their curriculum.

Transitioning into the Senior Phase

S3

- Pupils will study a minimum of 8 subjects across the BGE curricular areas in S3.

S4

- Pupils will study a minimum of 7 subjects in S4 (chosen from their S3 courses).

S5

- Pupils will study a minimum of 5 subjects in S5.

Transitioning into the Senior Phase

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	
S3	English	English	English	English	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Science	Science	Science	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Creative	Creative	Creative	Technology	Technology	Technology	Free Choice 1	Free Choice 1	Free Choice 1	Free Choice 2	Free Choice 2	Free Choice 2	Masterclass	Masterclass	PE	PE	RME	PSE	TUTOR TIME	
S4	English	English	English	English	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Choice 1	Choice 1	Choice 1	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 2	Choice 2	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 3	Choice 3	Choice 3	Choice 4	Choice 4	Choice 4	Choice 4	Choice 4	Choice 5	Choice 5	Choice 5	Choice 5	PE	PE	RME	PSE	TUTOR TIME
S5 / S6 (N4 / N5)	Choice 1	Choice 1	Choice 1	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 2	Choice 2	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 3	Choice 3	Choice 3	Choice 4	Choice 4	Choice 4	Choice 4	Choice 5	Choice 5	Choice 5	Choice 5	Choice 6	Choice 6	Choice 6	Choice 6	Choice 6	Choice 7	Choice 7	Choice 7	Choice 7	Short Course	Short Course	PE/RME	PSE	TUTOR TIME
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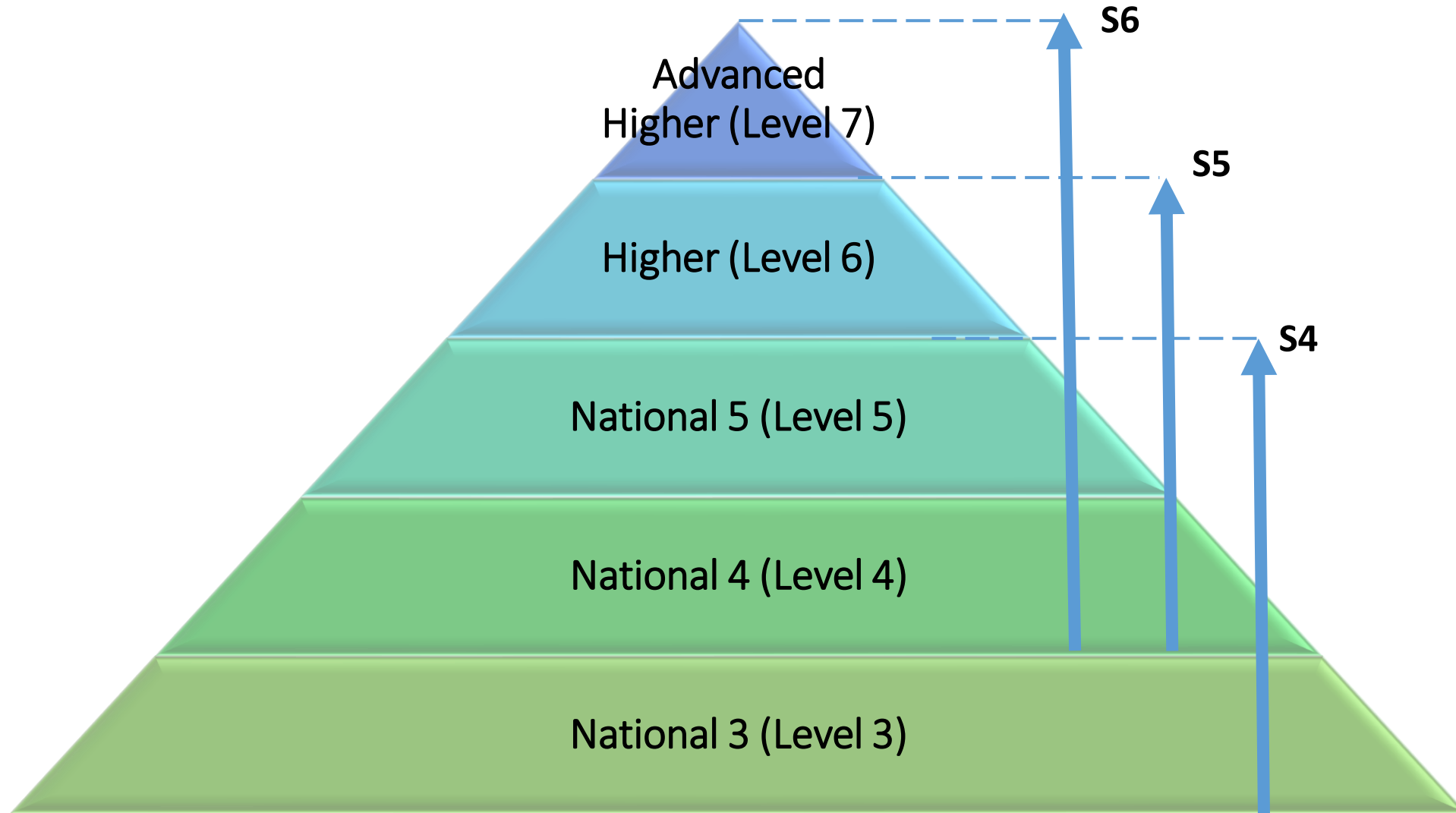
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Levels of Study



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12				Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
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10				Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9			Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma		Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate		Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher				Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5				Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ
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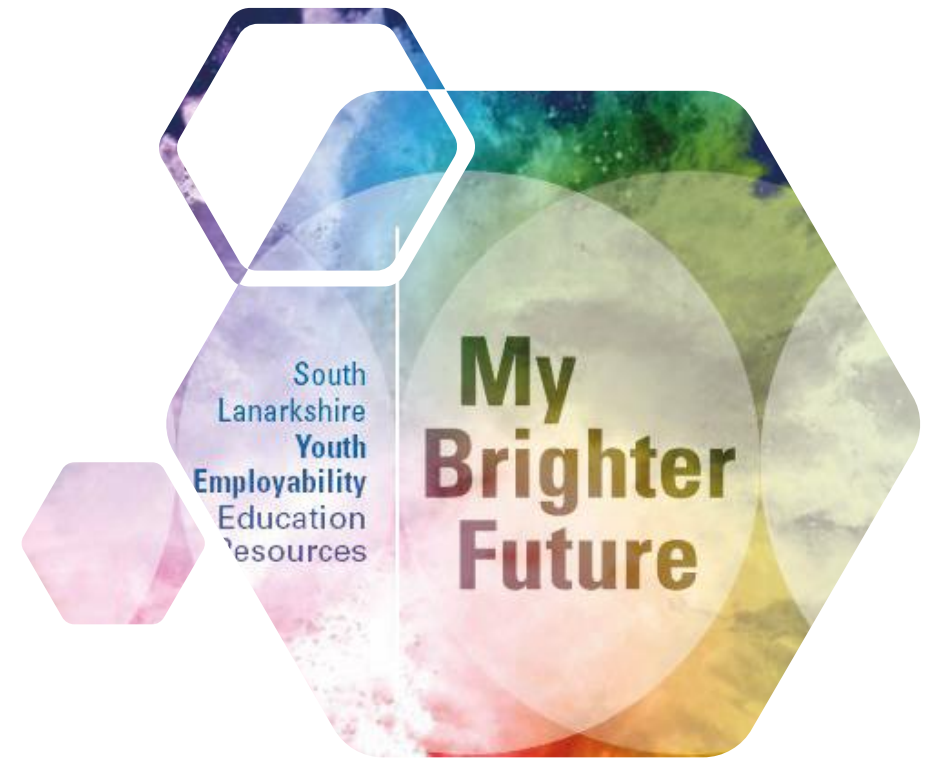
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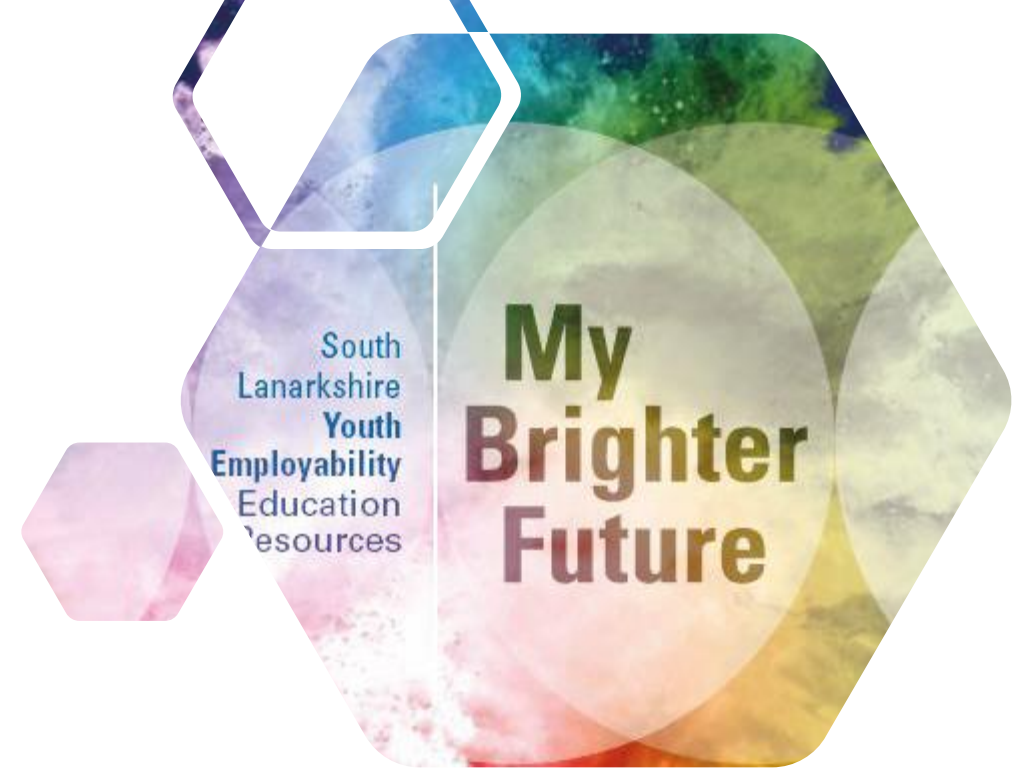
Vocational Courses

- These are delivered through local college partnerships and are called the GRADU8 programme
- One day out of school per week studying for a qualification in:
Beauty Skills, Construction, Early Education & Childcare, Engineering Skills, Hair & Barbering, Health & Social Care, Hospitality, Make-up Artistry, Uniformed & Emergency Services (4), Sport & Recreation, Work Experience and Winter leavers.
- Pupils can get more information by speaking to their Pupil Support teacher



Is college an option for me?

- We recommend that only pupils wishing to leave at the end of S4, are a Winter Leaver (2024) or are interested in continuing this line of study through a Foundation Apprenticeship opt for college in S4.
- GradU8 college courses are an option for S4-6, so pupils can opt for this at a later date.
- Foundation Apprenticeship Options:



Foundation Apprenticeship

- Two options:
 - 1 Year Option (S6 only)
 - 2 Year Option
- Pupils must be in S5 or S6.
- Further information will follow at the end of S4.

Accountancy	South Lanarkshire Consortium	2 years
	Glasgow College Consortium	2 years
Business Skills	South Lanarkshire Consortium	2 years
	Glasgow College Consortium	2 years
Civil Engineering	Glasgow College Consortium	2 years
Creative Digital Media	South Lanarkshire Consortium	2 year
	Glasgow College Consortium	2 years
Engineering Systems	Glasgow College Consortium	2 years
Financial Services	Glasgow College Consortium	2 years
Health and Food Science	Glasgow College Consortium	2 years
ICT Hardware	Glasgow College Consortium	2 years
ICT Software	Glasgow College Consortium	2 years
Mechanical Engineering	Glasgow College Consortium	2 years
Scientific Technologies	Glasgow College Consortium	2 years
Social Services Children and Young People	South Lanarkshire Consortium	2 years
	Glasgow College Consortium	2 years
Social Services and Healthcare	South Lanarkshire Consortium	2 years
	Glasgow College Consortium	2 years



How to decide?



Read

Read the **S4 Course Choice Booklet**



Speak

Speak to your **class teacher** or Faculty Head for the subject



Discuss

Discuss with your **parents/family**



Speak

Speak with your **Pupil Support teacher** (you will be invited to have an options meeting)



Reflect

Reflect on **your progress** so far (your S3 report has just been issued)



Research

Research your **future career path**

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Extra Support for Parents & Carers



My World of Work

- As well a meeting with their Pupil Support Teacher, pupils can also request a meeting with the schools Career Advisor – Colin Thomson (office is located next to PE)
- Skills Development Scotland are also hosting a free webinar for S2/3 parents on **WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER 6.30 pm – 7.15 pm** (QR code 1)
- A playlist of recorded webinars is also available on YouTube and from My World of Work (QR code 2)
- The link has been shared on the school app and twitter pages



<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/webinars-parents-and-carers>

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The Option Form

Please return to the School Office by Friday 9th December

Lesmahagow High School
S4 Choice Form 2023-24



Name:
Class:

Section 1

When do you intend to leave school?

I plan to leave school at summer 2024/ winter 2024/ summer 2025/ summer 2026.

Section 2:

What do you intend to do when you leave school?

Destination	Please tick	Please give more information regarding your career pathway
<i>Examples:</i>		
Employment	✓	Retail assistant
College	✓	HNC in Computing
University	✓	BSc in Applied Science
Aspire programme		
Employment		
Further Education (e.g. college)		
Higher Education (e.g. university)		
Training (e.g. apprenticeship)		
Voluntary work		
Other (please state)		

Section 3: Course Choice

- Everyone studies English and Maths in S4. Choose your preferred Maths course.
- Choose five other subjects and a reserve choice. Your reserve choice will be number 6
- Number your choices 1-6 in order of preference (Do not include Maths in this).
- Classes will only run if numbers are sufficient and we have adequate teaching resources.

	Curriculum choices	Level of study 3/4/5	Order of choice (1-6)
	English		All pupils study English
	Maths		TICK one
	Applications of Maths		
Technologies	Administration and IT		
	Business Management		
	Computing Science		
	NPA in Games Development (Levels 4&5)		
	NPA in Business with IT (Levels 4&5)		
	Design and Manufacture		
	Graphic Communication		
	Practical Woodwork		
Edu. Arts	Art and Design		
	Drama		
	Music		
Science	Science (Nationals 3 & 4)		
	Biology		
	Chemistry		
	Physics		
LANGUAGES	Health Sector (Nationals 4&5)		
	French		
	Spanish		
Humanities	Languages for Life and Work Award		
	Geography		
	History		
	Modern Studies		
HWB	Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies		
	Hospitality		
	PE		

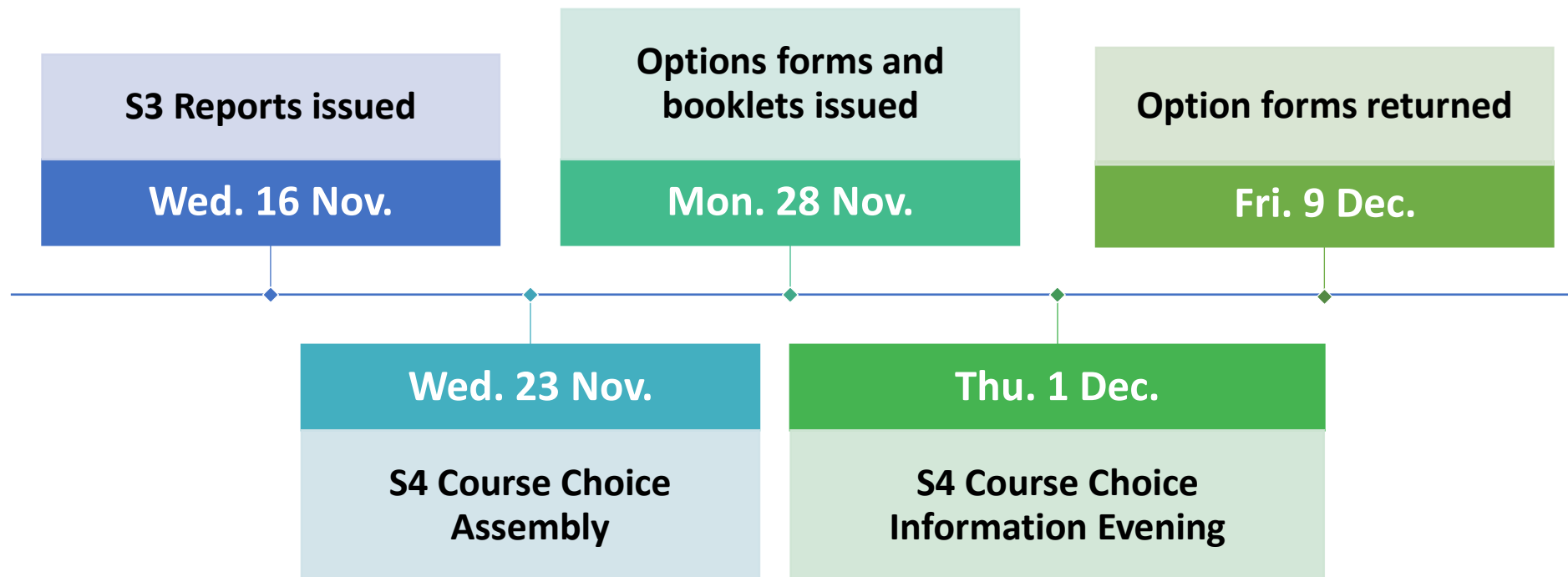
Making option choices

- Option forms were issued on **Monday 28th**, along with the course choice booklet
- Pupils should **follow the instructions on the form** to make their option choices
- Bring the completed form to the **meeting with their Pupil Support Teacher** who will confirm their choices
- Option forms must be handed in by **Friday 9th December**





Timeline



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