



IRVINE ROYAL ACADEMY
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S2 Progression Pathways Information

November 2025



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Irvine Royal Curriculum Vision...

At Irvine Royal Academy, the curriculum is more than classroom subjects. It includes all the experiences that help young people develop the knowledge, skills, and qualities needed for learning, life, and work. We aim to provide a curriculum with **breadth, depth, and clear progression** for every learner.



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Top 10 skills of 2025

Credit: World Economic Forum

Type of skill:

- Problem-solving
- Self-management
- Working with people
- Technology use and development

Creative Thinking

- Analytical thinking and innovation
- Active learning and learning strategies
- Complex problem-solving
- Critical thinking and analysis
- Creativity, originality and analysis
- Leadership and social influence
- Technology use, monitoring and control
- Technology, design and programming
- Resilience, stress tolerance and flexibility
- Reasoning, problem-solving and ideation



Scottish Credit & Qualifications Framework (SCQF)

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			↑	Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11				Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10				Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9				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
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3				
2	National 2, Awards				
1	National 1, Awards				



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School Curriculum Map

Time blocks	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
S1	Eng	Eng	Eng	Eng	Eng	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	ML	ML	ML	IT	PE	PE	PE	HE	Soc	Soc	Soc	RMPS	Sci	Sci	Sci	Tech	Tech	Art	Art	Music	Music	PSE
S2	Eng	Eng	Eng	Eng	Eng	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	ML	ML	IT	PE	PE	PE	HE	HE	Soc	Soc	Soc	RMPS	Sci	Sci	Sci	Tech	Tech	Art	Art	Music	Music	PSE

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S3	3A	3A	3A	3A	3B	3B	3B	3B	3C	3C	3C	3D	3D	3D	3E	3E	3E	3F	3F	3F	3G	3G	3G	3H	3H	3H	3I	3I	3J	3J	3K	3L
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S4	4A	4A	4A	4A	4A	4B	4B	4B	4B	4B	4C	4C	4C	4D	4D	4D	4E	4E	4E	4F	4F	4F	4G	4G	4G	4H	4H	4H	4I	4K	4K	4I
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S5/6	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	C	C	C	C	C	C	D	D	D	D	D	D	E	E	E	E	E	E	PSE	PE
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S3 Curriculum Overview

- As pupils move from S2 into S3, there is the opportunity for some personalisation and choice within the timetable. All pupils will continue to study the following:
- Mathematics
- English
- Physical Education
- Personal and Social Education
- Religious and Moral Education



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Courses to be offered in S3 2026

S2 Subject	S3 subject choices
Science	Biology
	Chemistry
	Energy
	Physics
	Practical Electronics
Social	Business Management
	Geography
	History
	Modern Studies
	RMPS
IT	Administration & IT
	Computing Studies
	Games development
Technical	Design & Manufacture
	Graphic Communication
	Practical Craft skills

S2 Subject	S3 Subject choices
Music	Music
	Music Technology
HE	Health & Food Technology
	Practical Cookery
Art	Art
	Photography
PE	Physical Education Aesthetics
	Physical Education Games
	Early Learning and Childcare
Languages	School of Rugby
	French
	Languages for Life & Work
	Spanish

What am I best at?

What will help me in my career pathway?

How do I keep my options open?

What do I enjoy?



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Points to note...

- The subjects that the pupils choose for S3 will continue into S4.
- Pupils will be allowed to choose their best six courses rather than have to choose from each curricular area.
- S3 Tasters will be included into the curriculum which will allow pupils to have a variety of experiences which may lead to wider achievement qualifications in S4.
- Pupils will have more opportunities to increase their meta and life skills to help prepare them for life after Irvine Royal.



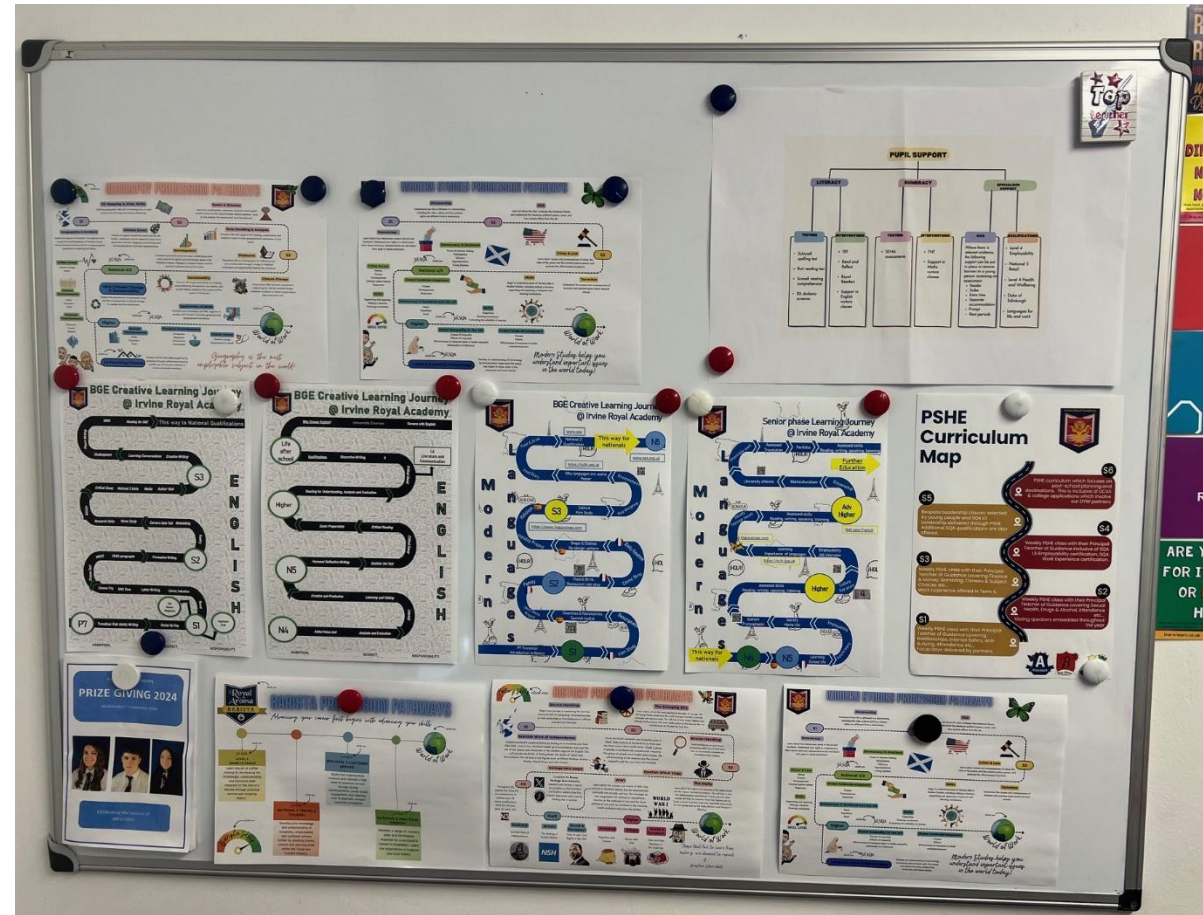
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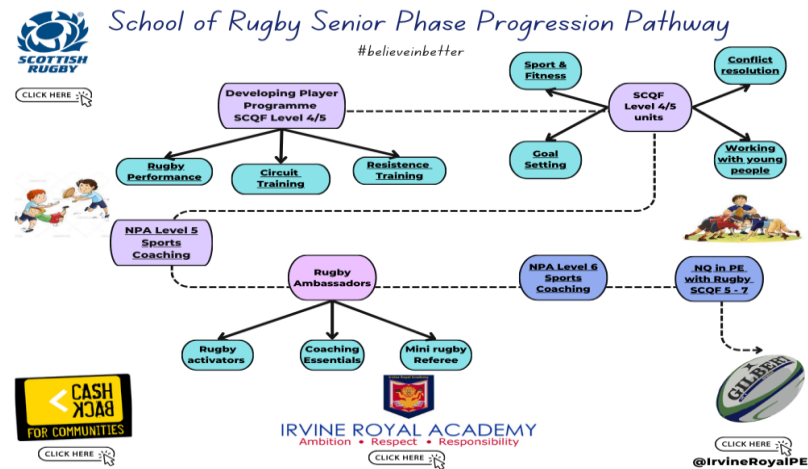
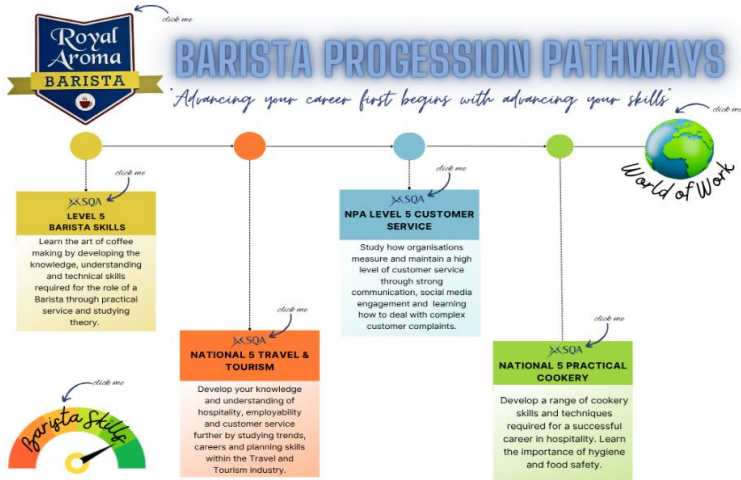
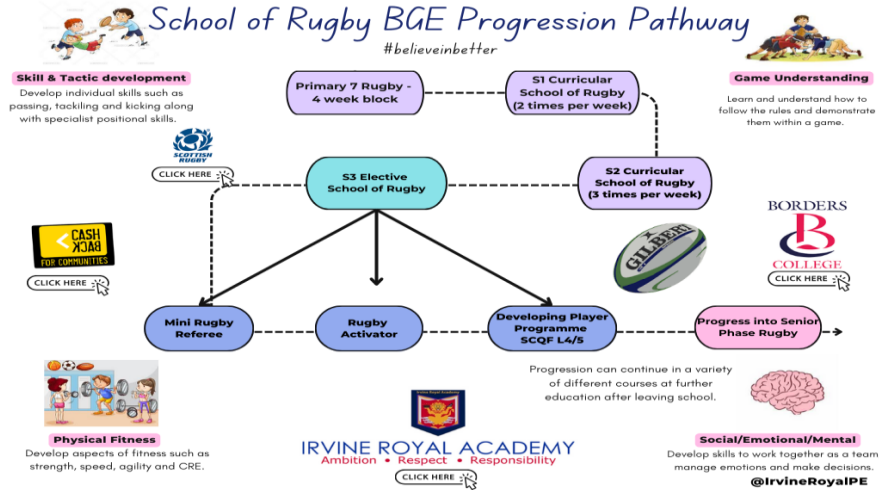
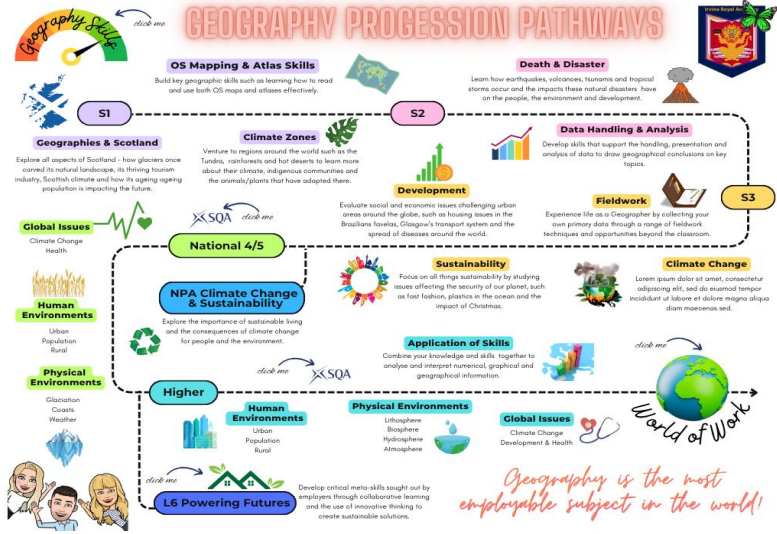
Curriculum and Progression Pathways



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School Website

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SECONDARY OPTION SECONDARY OPTION PROCESS

IN THIS SECTION

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TRANSITION FROM P7

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P7/S1 WELCOME VIDEOS

SECONDARY OPTION
PROCESS

HOME > TRANSITION > SECONDARY OPTION PROCESS

In S1 and S2 pupils follow a standard broad general education curriculum that introduces them to most of the subjects on offer in S3 and senior phase.

About half way through S2, pupils will start to make choices about what they will study in S3 and S4. This page gives links and information to various resources to help pupils and parents/carers make informed decisions about what to choose.

Click on the link below to access Irvine Royal Subject Options booklet 2022-23

[Irvine Royal Subject Options booklet 2022-23](#)

S2-S3

Please click on the link below to access more information on the S2 option process

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Irvine Royal Subject Options booklet 2026-27

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The role of the Careers Adviser in school

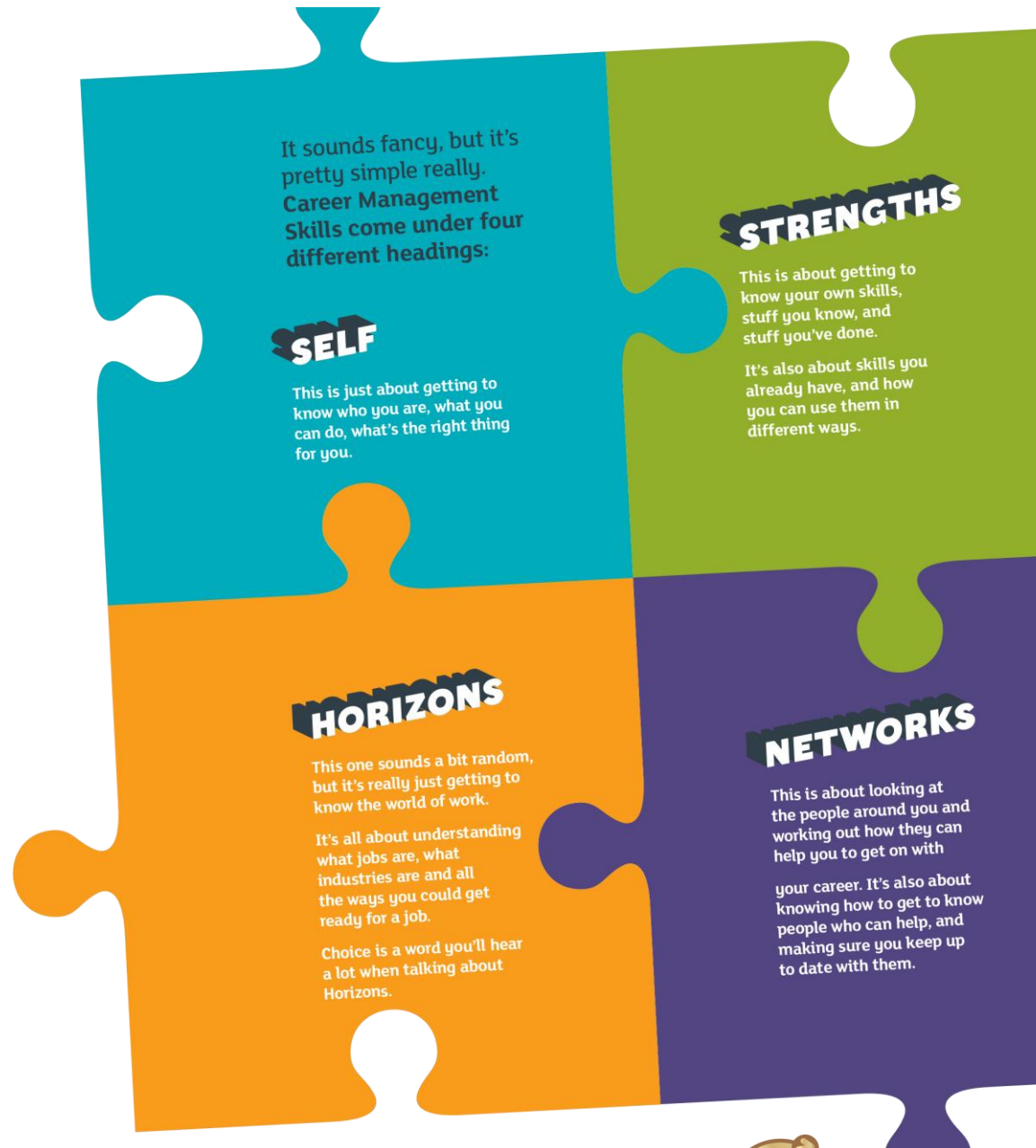


Career Management Skills

These are the skills you need to make your career a success.

Your SDS Careers Adviser is just one of the people who can help you develop these skills.

Some of them you'll have already – just by being you!



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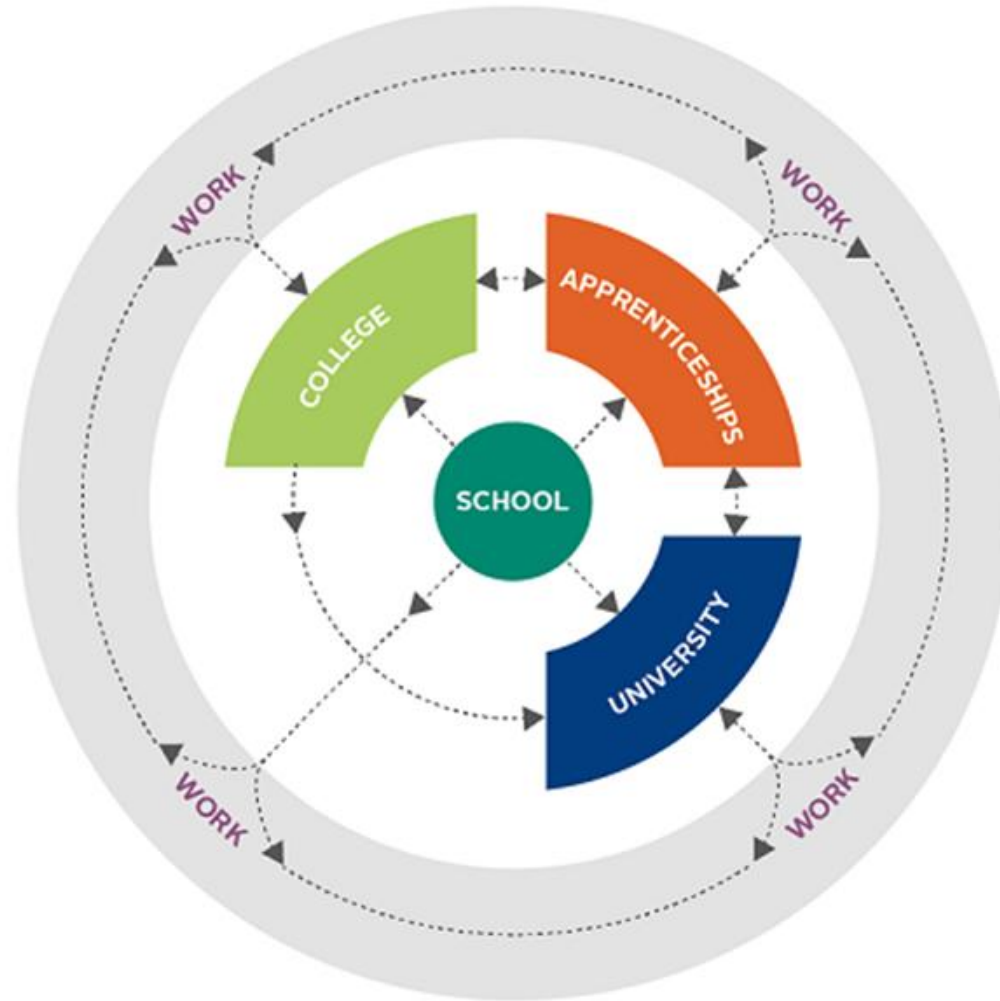
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Career Paths



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Support for Option Choices

- S2 PSE class visits are scheduled for November to demonstrate Option Choice tool on www.myworldofwork.co.uk
- 1:1 appointments available for any pupils wishing additional support (parents / carers can attend)
- Ongoing support from: Fiona Callan, fiona.callan@sds.co.uk



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Next steps...

- Week beginning 17 November – S2 Progression information starts.
- Progression information closes Wed 03 Dec
- S2 Pupil progress meetings – Wed 10 December
- S2 Option choices – Week beginning 12 Jan 26
- Fri 23 Feb 26 – Closing date for S2 option forms to be handed in.



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