S2 to S3 Course Choice
Your Learning Pathway

Personal Pathway

- **S1 & S2**

Broad experience across all curricular areas

- **S3 (Next year)**

Personalised experience that matches your strengths and interests

- **S4 (Senior Phase)**

Refine your experience to specific National Qualifications

Personal Pathway

Year to Year guide

S2

BROAD GENERAL EDUCATION

S3

9 FOCUS SUBJECTS

THESE WILL DEEPEN SKILLS AT LEVEL 4

WHAT YOU CHOOSE NOW WILL SHAPE YOUR SENIOR PHASE EXPERIENCE

S4

YOUR 9 S3 SUBJECTS BECOME 7 NATIONAL 4 OR 5 COURSES

S5/6

A MIX OF NATIONALS, HIGHERS, ADVANCED HIGHERS, FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS AND WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS

Core Subjects

From S3 onwards you will continue with these subjects every year:

PE

YOU WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP YOUR PHYSICAL HEALTH, FITNESS AND LIFELONG WELLBEING HABITS

PSE

YOU WILL CONTINUE TO COVER CAREER PLANNING AND LIFE SKILLS

RME

YOU WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE ETHICS AND VALUES

RAISING ATTAINMENT

THIS STARTS IN S4 TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR FULL POTENTIAL. DEDICATING TIME TO STUDY SKILLS

Your curriculum

9 Subjects chosen for S3

English, Maths & 7 choices

Choices must still have breadth:

At least 1 Expressive Art

At least 1 Science

At least 1 Social Subject or Language

At least 1 Technology

Your curriculum

		First Choice	Reserve
Expressive Arts	Art & Design		
	Drama		
	Music		
	Sports Coaching		
	Sports Performance		
Sciences	Biology		
	Chemistry		
	Electronic Engineering		
	Environmental Science		
	Physics		
	Practical Science		
Social Subjects & Languages	Business Management		
	French		
	Geography		
	German		
	History		
	Modern Studies		
	RMPS		
	Spanish		
	Travel and Tourism		
Technologies	Admin & IT		
	Creative Industries		
	Digital Art & Photography		
	Graphic Communication		
	Hospitality		
	Music Technology		
	Practical Woodwork		

Choosing Subjects

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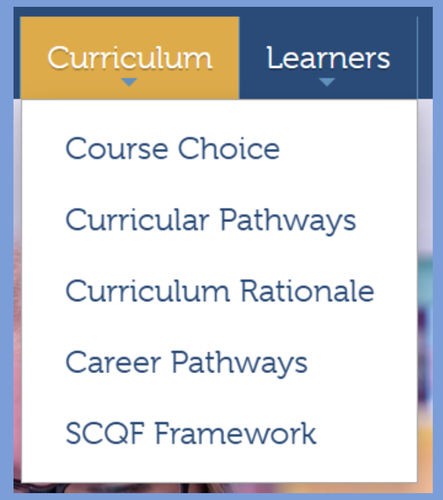

Curricular Pathways:

Look in this section for the many pathways you can follow within each of the departments across the school.

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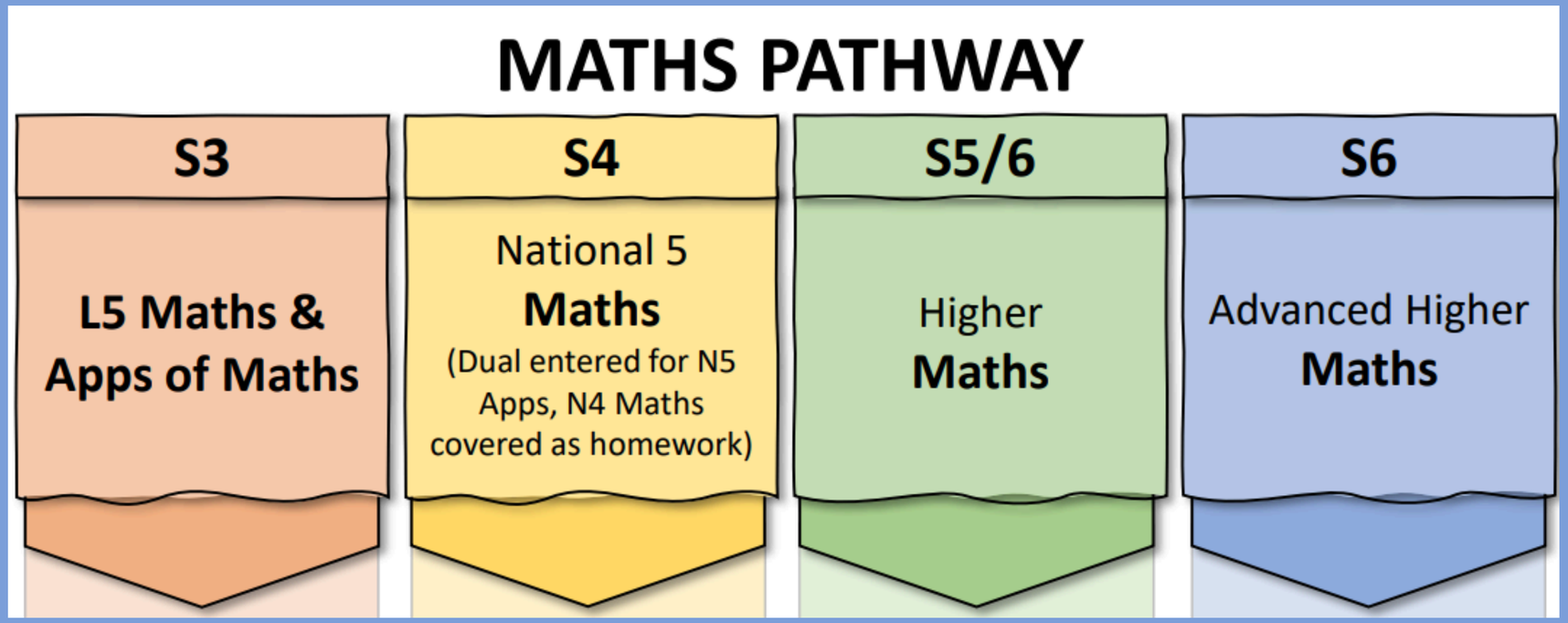

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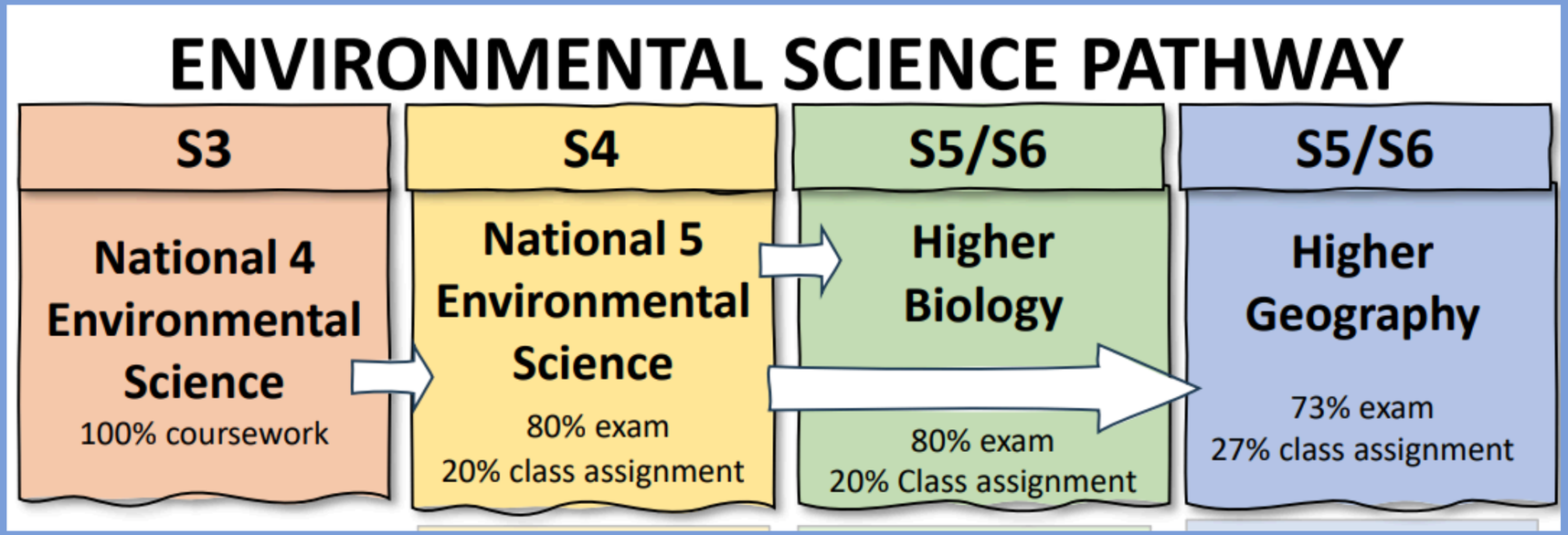
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PATHWAY



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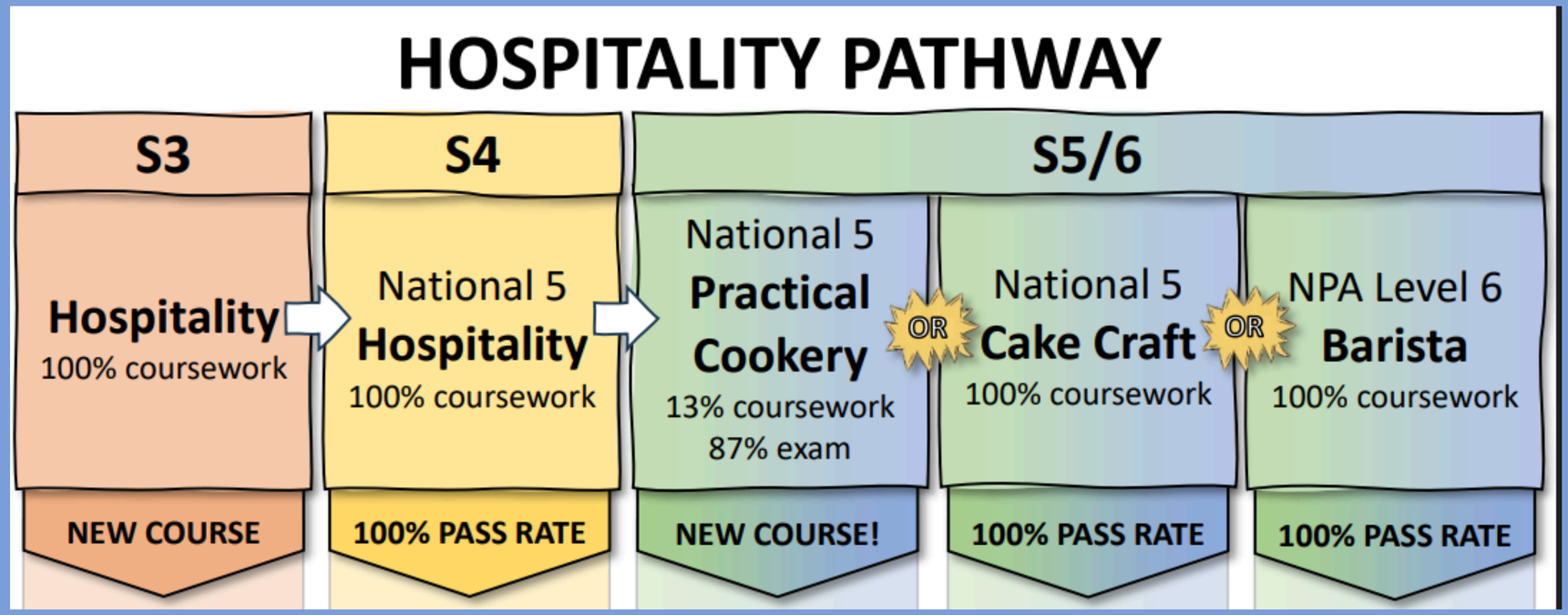

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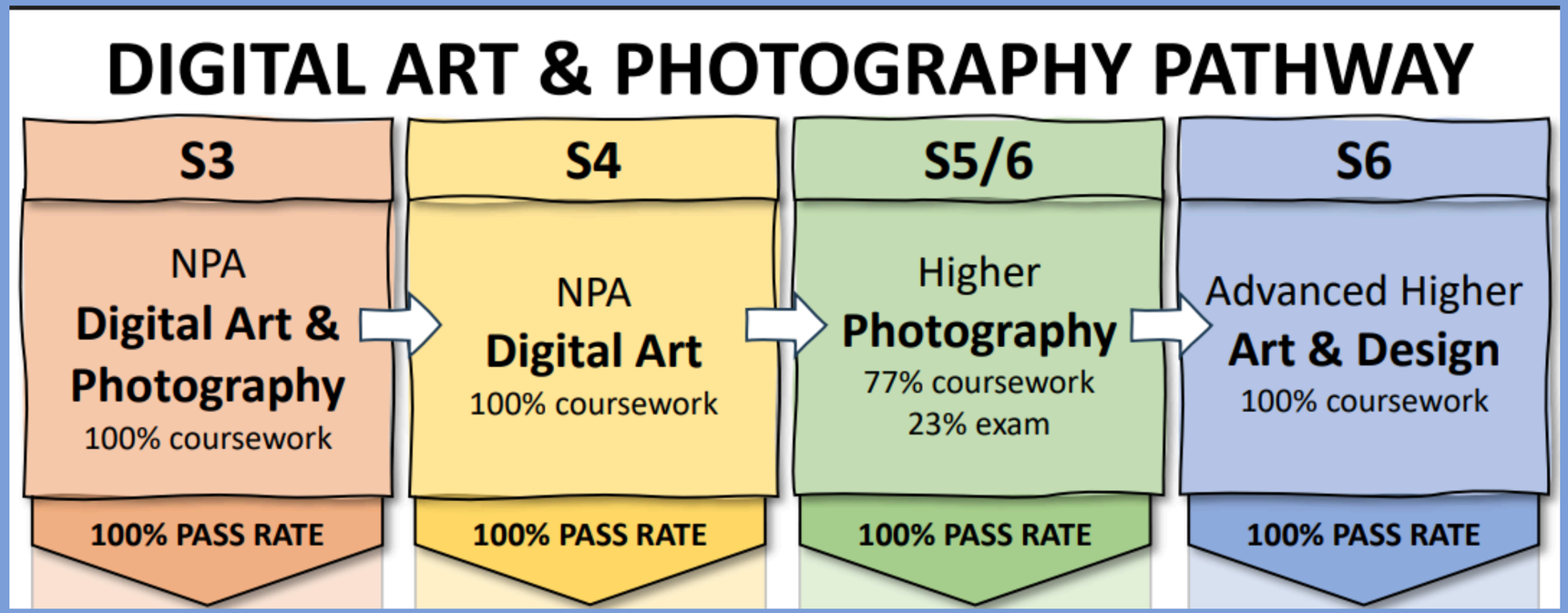

Choosing Subjects

GOOD REASONS

YOU ENJOY THE SUBJECT

YOU ARE GOOD AT IT AND ACHIEVE WELL

IT LINKS TO A CAREER YOU ARE CONSIDERING

BAD REASONS

YOUR BEST FRIEND IS PICKING IT

YOU LIKE THE TEACHER

YOU THINK IT SOUNDS LIKE AN EASY OPTION

Key Dates

Today - Course choice process begins

December 1st - Course Choice information evening

December 3rd - One to One meeting with Guidance

December 11th - Deadline for submission of form

January

For some, choices (and reserves) may not be viable when the column structure is created.

During January, pupils that this impacts will be spoken to by Guidance. As always, we will be trying to make it work so all pupils get their first choice.