



S3 Course Choice

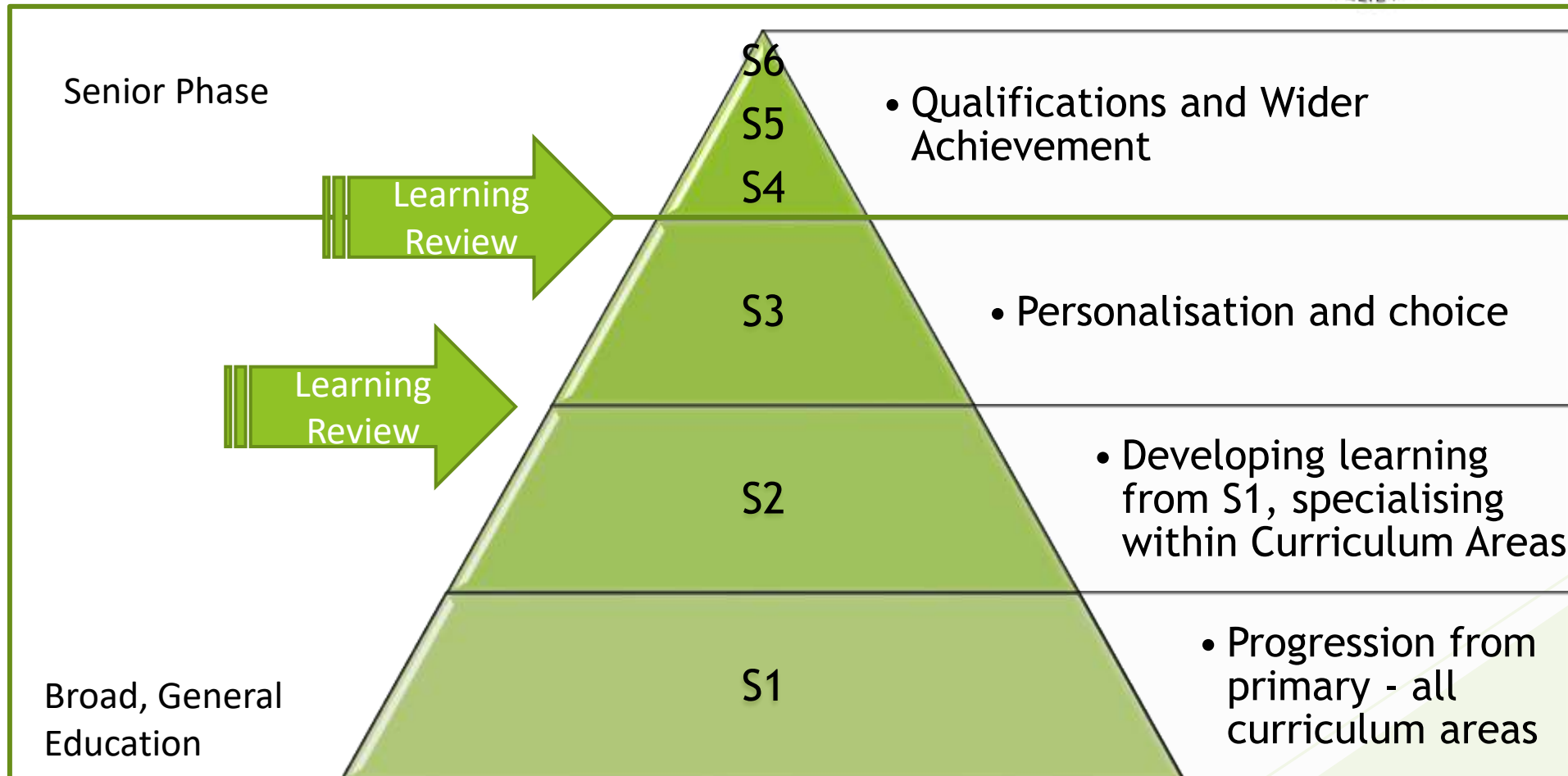
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Aims:

- ▶ To share the process with you
- ▶ To share the key dates for your child
- ▶ To give you the opportunity to ask questions
- ▶ To help us to work together to get the best possible course portfolios for all students

Personalisation and Choice



The Process



Research your options



Everyone will study:

English

Maths

French

Social
Education

Physical
Education

The Process

Your child will then also select 5 additional subjects

- ▶ Personalisation and choice
- ▶ Allows depth of study
- ▶ Ensures solid basis for learning in S4

Details of what subjects are available in each category are in the Learning Review booklet and summarised in the leaflets sent to you.



Reserves

Your child will also select TWO reserves:

- ▶ Cannot guarantee all pupils will receive all 5 choices
- ▶ Prioritise 1 - 5 plus 2 reserves
- ▶ Must be prepared to take any five of the seven selected.

Please note, your child will be asked to select three electives but will only study one of these subjects.

The Paperwork



Please complete the table below in order of preference – 1 is your priority subject.



Priority	Subject
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	



Please add two reserve subjects, also in order of preference.

1.	
2.	

Points to Consider



Future
course/career
priorities - S4
and beyond

Interests and
aptitude

Most likely
areas of success

Encourage your
child not to be
swayed by:

Friendships

Teachers

Stereotypes

The Support

How can we work together to get this right?



- ▶ SE lessons considering options
- ▶ 1:1 meetings with Pupil Support to discuss choices
- ▶ Discussions with teachers for advice
- ▶ Careers adviser appointments
- ▶ S2 Careers Event today
- ▶ Research careers/courses/apprenticeships online
- ▶ Access myworldofwork website for a range of resources
- ▶ Plan ahead - what will you take in S4?



Key Dates:

□ Week Beginning 9th January:

- Course Choice Sheet issued in SE - also available on the school website
- SE lesson to support choices
- S2 Careers Event
- S2 Briefing and Parent Information session

□ Week Beginning 16th January:

- Submit completed form to DMT Tutor
- 1:1 meetings with Pupil Support Leaders

Monday 23rd January - Process completed



Behind the Scenes!

- ▶ Whole school course choice
- ▶ Analysis of numbers and classes for each subject
- ▶ Analysis of staffing
- ▶ Meeting the needs of as many pupils as possible
- ▶ Checks and balances
- ▶ Creation of timetable
- ▶ Communication with pupils re problems/challenges
- ▶ Individual timetables issued
 - ▶ New timetable starts



Questions?