



WICK HIGH SCHOOL

Pathways from S3

The S3 Experience

Our S3 experiences are designed to ensure effective transition to the Senior Phase (S4-S6). These draw upon:

- ◇ *Key Level 3 Experiences and outcomes* not covered in S1 and S2.
- ◇ *Relevant Level 4 Experiences and outcomes*
- ◇ Appropriate elements of National 4 and 5 courses to assist pupils to make a smooth transition into appropriate course in the Senior Phase.

S3 is a preparation for transition into the Senior Phase. Progress in S3 assists us in supporting young people to make curricular choices in S4 where they will be likely to gain their best academic outcomes.

Building a detailed profile of each pupil through S1-S3 maximises achievement in S4 and allows us to offer reliable advice on progression to S5.

Senior Phase

Pupils progress to the National Qualifications completing these in the summer term of S4. These courses draw on and build on the curriculum experiences and outcomes as appropriate.

Pupils could follow any one of the following pathways depending on their rate of progress to the end of S3:

- ◇ Complete National 3 Units
- ◇ Complete N4 Units and the N4 Added Value Unit to gain the N4 course award
- ◇ Complete the N5 course

We aim to provide each pupil with advice on their progression into appropriate courses in S4 based on how well each pupil is coping with the demands of their S3 programme of study.

The reports and course choice advice offered in March of S3 form part of that guidance.

Progress through the Broad General Education

The following information offers some insight into where pupils are now and where they might be by the end of S4.

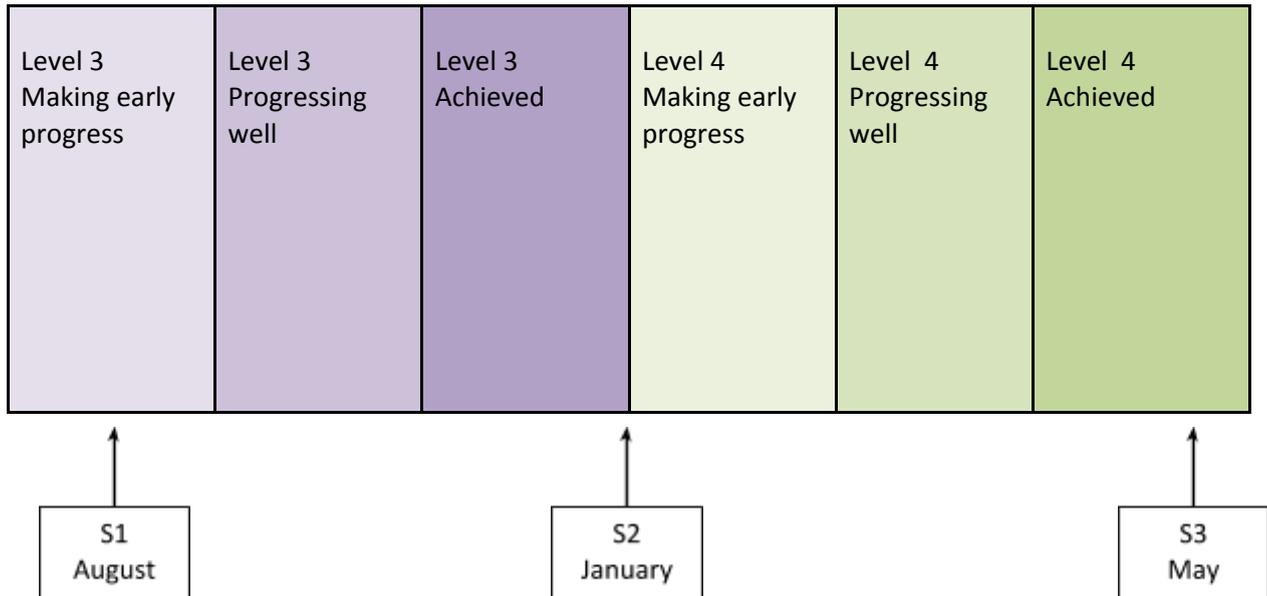
On average it takes about 9 months for a pupil to move from the **making early progress** at a level to **progressing well** and a further 9 months to level **achieved**. Two pupils who are both assessed as **progressing well** at level 3 can be several months apart in their progress.



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The following diagram shows the likely progression through the Broad General Education for pupils who are likely to be successful at National 5 in S4 and Highers in S5.



By February of S3

- ◇ Strong candidates for 4 or 5 Highers are highly likely to be progressing well or have **achieved** level 4 in all of their core subjects by February of S3 and certainly by the end of S3.
- ◇ Pupils working at level 3 in a core subject would not normally progress to National 5 in S4 or Higher in S5.
- ◇ A pupil who is **making early progress** at level 3 may take 18 months to become secure. National 4 then becomes a more likely progression route in S4 rather than National 5 in S4.

The following table summarises the recommended progression routes for young people from S3 into the Senior Phase:

Broad General Education Progress	Recommended Progression into Senior Phase
Level 2 Achieved	National 3
Level 3 Making early progress	National 3
Level 3 Progressing well	National 4
Level 3 Achieved	National 4
Level 4 Making early progress	National 4
Level 4 Progressing well	National 5
Level 4 Achieved	National 5